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## The Ladies of the Taine Club.

Last Thursday evening witnessed one of the finest social entertainments ever known in Auburn. The occasion was the second anniversary meeting of the ladies' literary society, known as the Taine Club. The spacious rooms of J. L. Davis' residence had been kindly tendered to the ladies for that purpose, and at about half past 8 o'clock the members and their invited guests began to assemble. Each member had the privilege of inviting two guests besides her husband, and not only did the members avail themselves of this privilege, for ladies generally are social and hospitable, but it was a noticeable fact that as far as known every invited guest attended. The success of their first annual reunion last year, at Mr. Wm. McIntyre's, had been such that all felt a rare treat awaited them. When all had assembled the company was called to order by the president, Miss Lillie McTighe. Then followed the regular call of the roll of the members, by the secretary, Mrs. W. H. McQuiston, each one responding by the quotation of some literary gem, either prose or verse, giving the author's name. This was followed by the annual class song, in which all the members joined, Mrs. E. E. Davenport presiding at the piano. The song was composed a year ago by Mrs. C. P. Hodge, who on this occasion was not able to attend owing to the sickness of her mother, Mrs. Mott. The song was followed by the address of welcome by the president, which also briefly alluded to the work the Club had gone over in the two years of its existence. This outline of work was an interesting feature, and showed the listeners that membership in this Club meant literary labor and mental culture, not pleasure or gossip. The address was clear and concise, and not only did Miss McTighe great credit, but gave the audience a good knowledge of the character of the work done at the regular meetings. The next exercise was a recitation by Mrs. C. P. Houser, "The Wedding Ring," a fine production and well given. This was followed by a song, "My Queen," by Mrs. M. W. Harrison. The next was a recitation given by Mrs. Lottie Osgood, by request, and entitled, "His Time for Fiddling," and was followed by instrumental music by Miss Lizzie Mahurin. The next was an essay by Mrs. Harrison, on "Esthetic Culture," and was followed by a recitation, "From Shore to Shore," by Mrs. F. E. Davenport. Mrs. Harrison sang the celebrated German song, "The Erie King," which was finely rendered, both as to vocal and instrumental rendering. After this a short recess was had to give time to prepare for the comedy which closed the literary part of the entertainment. This was entitled "A Slight Mistake." The cast was: Lady Prince Proudly, Mrs. Lottie Osgood; Sarsenet, her maid, Mrs. W. B. Brown; Pene-

lope Perfect, landlady of the village inn, Mrs. J. A. Barnes; Rosina, her cousin, Mrs. Dawson; Dorothy, Penelope's faithful domestic, Mrs. M. B. Willis. This laughable little farce was delightfully rendered, each lady adapting herself to that part she had chosen with an ease and naturalness quite charming. This pleasant conclusion left the audience in a pleasurable glow of enjoyment, and after a brief interval a fine collation was served, such a one as might be expected from the well known skill and good taste of the ladies concerned. And at a seasonable hour the happy party adjourned with the generally expressed opinion that a perfect success for the club had been achieved. *finish here...*

The thanks of the society and their guests are due to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Davis for the hospitable manner in which the company was entertained, and the prominent part they took in making the gathering a success.

## WELCOME ADDRESS.

Delivered by Miss Lillie McTighe at the Anniversary of the Ladies' Literary Society April 3rd. 1874

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—In behalf of the members of the ladies' literary society I extend to all present a cordial welcome.

Come ye here as critics and as guest,  
Welcome to our expectant feast;  
By each noble deed and word  
That our classmates can record,  
And each noble sentiment,  
By the efforts we have made to reform our  
minds.  
We would meet and welcome all.

Since our last anniversary one year ago to-night, we have followed the progress of English literature, from the beginning of the 16th century which witnessed the revival of classical literature and fine arts in Europe. The national intellect stimulated by the excitement of 60 years took shape in a literature, which is an eternal possession of mankind. The era of which I speak the Elizabethan is the most brilliant in the literary history of England. For in that period we shall find the names of Shakespeare, the greatest name in English literature, whom a poet has styled, "the genius of the British Isles," and who stands at the head of the drama. Shakespeare was followed by Ben. Jonson, Fletcher and Massinger, and are all nearly the equals of any succeeding poets that have appeared. The period of civil war was not favorable to literary progress, but still there were many writers of undying fame, even in those days of strife. In verse, Milton produced his great epics; Jeremy Taylor shone in prose, and Bunyan gave to the world his great allegories.

English literature continued to flourish in all its splendor, until the last 40 years of this century, general-

ly known as the age of the Restoration and the Revolution. During this period the stage literature of this epoch was disgraced by great licentiousness. The period following the restoration produced many dramatic writers; of whom John Dryden was the literary chief of the time; and (according to Dr. Johnson) found the English language of brick and left it of marble.

The literary genius of the age, culminated in Milton, who has no rival in epic poetry except Homer and Dante.

The literature of the 18th century is distinctively the literature of wit, which glitters in all kinds of composition, letters, essays, novels and poetry. Nearly every celebrated writer of the talent of exciting laughter.

Matthew Prior says.

"Seeing a right, we see our woes;  
Then what avails it to have eyes?  
From ignorance our comfort flows,  
The only wretched are the wise."

Other English humorists are pious Addison and Cowper, satiric Dr. Johnson, good-natured Goldsmith, courtier Voltaire and rustic Burns.

The poetry of the time is represented by Pope. Addison, Swift and Dr. Johnson may be taken as types of the prose writers of this century.

Another century of ridicule may not occur again in history, but it was needed. Institutions, manners and habits had become ridiculous and vicious, and they required to be laughed out of the world.

Fielding was the greatest English novelist of this century and Sterne, the prince of English humorists, with this century closes the classic age.

On the eve of the 19th century, began in Europe the great modern Revolution. The thinking public and the human mind changed, and underneath these two collisions a new literature sprang up. The preceding

age, called the Augustan age of English literature, had done its work; perfect prose and classical style put within reach of all the notions of literature and the discoveries of science.

In polite learning the present century has been greatly distinguished. The 19th century, though full of interest to us, is one of the most difficult to analyze of the whole range of English literature. It has been a time of extraordinary activity. It cannot be doubted however that the first quarter is greater in literature than any subsequent portion of it. It is greater in poetry than prose. The early names of Coleridge Wordsworth, Scott and Byron appear among the greatest poets. Of subsequent novelists, four have surpassed their contemporaries, Bulwer Dick-



ens, Thackeray and Charlotte Bronte. These writers have revolutionized our present generation of writers, both of fiction and poetry. Not only in England has their work been placed as the standard of writing, but our own authors have accepted and are modeling after the same. Our work has been since our organization, the study of these authors, not only of their writings, but of themselves.

We have read 450 pages of Taine's English literature, besides a recitation, reading and summary of the most important items of news have been given weekly. The program has been sometimes varied by an essay biographical sketch of some author, dialogue or music. New queries have been given each week and answers to previous ones. One of our charter members, Mrs. Ehlers, is seldom with us, being engaged in a new field of labor, working in the vineyard of our Lord.

In behalf of the members of our society I wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Davis for their hospitality in offering us the use of their home. Hoping this evening will have its effect in planting the germ of good literature and that all may enjoy a social time. I close as I began. We welcome you all.

1884 Anniversary. 2nd

X The ladies' literary society gave an entertainment on last Thursday evening at the residence of John L. Davis' it being the second anniversary of the organization of the society. The exercises were opened by roll-call, each member responding by giving a gem thought, either original or quoted from some author. After roll-call came the welcome address by the president, Miss Lillie McTigh, which was followed by recitations and music for an hour or more, after which refreshments were served. There were about one hundred present to enjoy the grand literary festival. The society now numbers twenty-four members, following is their names: Mrs. J. A. Barns, Jossie Brown, L. E. Clark, Priscilla Zimmerman, Mrs. M. J. Dawson, Mrs. J. E. M. Hodge, M. A. Ehlers, E. Ensley, M. C. Hartman, A. E. Houser, Mrs. A. S. Leas, L. Leasure, L. McTigh, M. R. McQuiston, Lotta Osgood, Mrs. J. Ralston, A. Robbins, M. Rose, V. Swarts, L. Willis, Frankie Davenport, Mrs. C.E. Emanuel, Mrs. M. W. Harrison. L. Mahuren.



# ADDRESS OF WELCOME

Delivered at the L. S. Anniversary,  
April 7, 1885.

FRIENDS: In behalf of the ladies of this literary society, I extend to you a cordial welcome. The celebration of an anniversary day is a commendable, joy-giving habit, it has its root in man's knowledge of that which is good, and his impulse of gratitude towards the Giver of all good, prompts him to bespeak his gratefulness with joy and gladness of heart. Every year thus comes to us with its cycle of honor-days, birthdays of nations, of heroes, of friends, of victories, of happy unions and peace-makings of communities and societies, a recognition of their significance and a remembrance of the good which has come and is coming from them, fill every heart with a thankfulness which finds its best expression in an appropriate honoring of those days. So it is that nations, states, communities, societies, families and individuals, all celebrate those days which have brought to them peculiar blessing and advantage. Longfellow said in his address to the students of Bowdoin College, in behalf of his classmates who were celebrating their fiftieth graduation anniversary: "We, who are about to die, salute you." Our words to you to-night, friends, are not as sombre in color or sober in import. Instead, we say, "We, who are about to live, salute you." We have reached our third milestone and there is every reason to rejoice. We are attaining our purpose—mutual exchange of our best thoughts, and mental growth. When last you met with us, our energies were still bent upon the mastery of Taine's "English Literature." Late in the autumn we reached the end. I do not assure you that we achieved our whole purpose, but we closed our books feeling that time and labor had been well spent and that we were better prepared for the work before us. We then began the study of our native authors. It may be that patriotism—if the gentlemen will grant that woman, without suffrage, may be capable of that emotion—it may be, I say, that patriotism and a feeling of pride in our nationality, stimulated us to increased endeavor and renewed enthusiasm. Be that as it may, we undertook our new task with eager minds and hearts, and to-day our interest is unabated and thus our progress is assured. We have entered the Senate Halls with Webster and Clay, with Calhoun and Adams, with Jefferson and Hamilton. We've formed the acquaintance of such divines as Channing and Dwight. We've entered the realm of fiction under the skillful leadership of Washington Irving, J. Fenimore Cooper and James Kirke Paulding. Our poetic tastes have been gratified by the musical diction of Allston, the sublime simplicity of Mrs. Sigourney and the delightful melody of Pierpont and Dana. Nor have we forgotten the nation's honor-days. The 22d of February stirred our hearts too, and we were thankful for the life and work of

Washington, and, while in yonder Capital city, a nation dedicated to his name a monument whose pinnacle pierces the clouds, we, in our quiet home circle, offered to his memory the homage of grateful hearts whose incense rises even to the gates of heaven. In a city on our eastern coast there dwelt a silver-haired poet beloved by all who knew him, one whose poetry stirs the simple heart of the untutored and thrills the soul of the wise man; one, whose influence purifies; one, whose sympathy comforts and strengthens; one, whose songs truly are "the gospel of good-will set to music," which carry "sweetness and light to a thousand homes." Of all who celebrate Longfellow's birthday, I dare say none were more stimulated to purity of thought and nobility of deed than the ladies of our L. L. S. Our numbers have been strengthened, and, with one exception, our full membership has been preserved. No badge of mourning has ever darkened our walls for the death angel has "passed over." There flourishes in our midst a friendship and a sisterly regard which no fraternity bond or secrets could strengthen. These, friends, are the reasons why we celebrate to-night, and we take it that your presence and your happy faces bid us "God-speed" and again we bid you welcome.

MARY L. HARRISON,  
Pres. L. L. S.

We intend to publish, one after another as our space permits, the several original articles that were given at the anniversary of the Ladies Literary Society. A pleasing feature of these is, they were delivered from memory, and we feel sure our readers will enjoy reading them, as we did hearing them. To-day we publish the address of welcome delivered by the President, Mrs. M. W. Harrison.



### The Ladies Give a Brilliant Entertainment to an Appreciative Audience.

The third annual reception of the Ladies' Literary Society was held at the Swineford House Tuesday evening. The meeting took place in the large room or hall on the third floor, which had been fitted up for the occasion and appropriately decorated. A stage, with its curtains, wings and other accessories, had been added to the hall, the seating was tastefully and conveniently arranged, and about the stage and in other possible spaces fine flowers were placed, giving the entire room a very pleasing effect. Convenient dressing rooms were in readiness for their lady guests, and not a detail seemed to have been overlooked by the busy minds and hands that planned and carried out what proved one of the best literary treats we remember. By 8 o'clock the room was full, for so perfect had been the preparations, that the very seats tallied with the attendance, none being left vacant. On the stage were Mrs. M. W. Harrison, president, and Mrs. A. J. Ralston, secretary. The latter, as usual, called the roll, and each member,

as named, responded by rising and quoting from memory some gem of thought from an American author, and after this was completed, letters of regrets from Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Myers, of Kendallville, and from Professor Stevens, of Adrian, were read. The address of welcome, by the President, followed this. It was a scholarly, dignified effort, delivered in an impressive and pleasing manner, and was followed by music, a solo, "The Better Land," by Mrs. A. Lewis, rendered in her usual effective style. The essay by Mrs. F. K. Blake, "A Man of One Book," was a gem, or rather a casket full of gems, and was received with the marked attention the subject and the fullness of its thought deserved. Mrs. J. E. Rose recited the poem, "The Blacksmith's Story," rendering what all who ever heard it, admit to be a difficult selection, with an ease and naturalness, that called out the admiration of her auditors. Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Harrison sang a duet, a selection of great power and beauty. It was finely given, and was a treat to all lovers of music. Mrs. C. E. Emanuel treated the audience to an oration, "A Woman in Literature," her subject being George Eliot. This topic and the manner in which it was handled, was the subject of much favorable remark. The closing literary exercise was a dialogue by four of the leading lady characters of Shakespeare, taken from his best known plays. They were Juliet, Portia, Ophelia and Lady Macbeth. In this part of the pro-

gramme the stage was brought into use. A prologue explanatory of the characters about to appear, and tending to refresh the memory of such as had ceased to retain a clear idea of the plots and conditions of the several plays of which the characters about to be introduced are such prominent figures, was read by Mrs. Albert Robbins. It was listened to most attentively, proving that the audience felt a deep interest in her subject, and were desirous of understanding all that followed. Then came the characters themselves. Mrs. Ralston, as Juliet; Mrs. Leasure, as Portia; Mrs. Schaab, as Ophelia, and Mrs. Hartman, as Lady Macbeth. These four were selected with great good judgment to represent the several characters, and we scarcely see how the selection could have been better. The dialogue that followed was full of startling, as well as amusing situations, and the characters represented, forming as they did such decided contrasts of looks and manner, proved the most entertaining feature of the evening. The ladies looked and talked their parts well. Mrs. Ralston was certainly the ideal, light and airy Juliet, Mrs. Leasure, the stately Portia, was just what we may imagine the ladies of the dignified old Republic to have been. Mrs. Schaab was graceful and polished as Ophelia, and Mrs. Hartman, adopting the rattling dialect of a Scottish lady, was par excellence the real Lady Macbeth with the harsher features of the real tragedy left out. The audience were delighted. Then followed a short interval of social enjoyment, succeeded by the banquet, which was prepared in the best style, and for which the Swineford has so high a reputation. When this agreeable ceremony was over, the concluding exercises were given, being the toasts and responses. Mrs. McQuiston responded ably to the sentiment, "The L. L. S. as a Social Element." Mrs. Swarts, in a happy vein, gave "Our Husbands" a few good words, which evidently pleased these gentlemen very much. The closing exercise was the response by Miss McTigue, "The Women of To-Day," which was a fine production, well delivered. Mrs. Ensley was at this point, presiding as mistress of toasts, and did her part well. Indeed, all who participated did well, the work showing great care, and culture of a high order. The proprietor of the Swineford House and his good wife, herself a member of the society, added greatly to the enjoyment of the evening by their courteous treatment of their guests, as well as by the splendid banquet spread for them. The society and their guests numbered ninety-five. The flowers used were beautiful and varied, and were from the well known green-house of Mrs. S. Z. Dickinson at Waterloo. Time and space prevent our saying all the good things we might of this, the finest entertainment to which our people have been treated.



## Fair Women and Brave Men.

It was a beautiful sight that met the gaze of the audience that attended the Firemen's Entertainment last Wednesday evening, as the curtain rose for the opening scene. Twenty-three of the most talented and accomplished of Auburn's ladies were arranged about the stage in graceful groups, the president, Mrs. Mary Rose, and the secretary, Miss Flora Hoffman, occupying the center. It was the Ladies' Literary Club, and the first scene was the usual roll call made at the opening of each regular session. As each name was called in alphabetical order, the lady designated arose and responded by a quotation from some well known author. These quotations had evidently been selected with great care and rare literary taste, and were spoken with such grace and self-possession as to win golden opinions from the very outset of the evening's work. In the meantime the great hall had been filling up. Firemen, in their neat and new uniforms fitted back and forth and proved themselves most gentlemanly ushers and managers, and everything was in such good taste and so perfectly well arranged, that by the time the opening scene was finished everyone was at ease and ready to enjoy himself. Mrs. Lida Leasure made the opening address on behalf of the firemen. It was original, full of good thoughts, fine descriptions and passages of great beauty and power. Very appropriately, it treated of the dangers to life and property to be apprehended from the demon, Fire, and alluded in complimentary terms to the efficiency and good character of our fire department. The fire boys and all others appreciated the speech fully. The next in order was the duet, "See the Pale Moon," which was nicely given by Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. Lewis. Mrs. Schaab's personification of Samantha Allen was perfect in acting and make-up, and was highly appreciated. Miss Hoffman's piano solo was fine, and then came the active pantomime, "Woman's Work," representing the many domestic duties of women, and which even the high character of the literary work now being done weekly by the members of the club, neither impedes nor interrupts. It was received with tumultuous applause. Miss McTighe's recitation, "Selling the Farm," was a fine production and given in a masterly and impressive manner. Mrs. Harrison's solo, "Laddie," was also fine, and was followed by Mrs. Osgood's "Presentation of the Trumpet," which was so realistic and given with such pathos and naturalness as to bring down the vast audience in round after round of cheers. Mrs. Dr. Swarts' essay, "Mental Health," was a masterly and scholarly effort, and showed a great deal of thought and research. "Sweet and Low" was a quartette sung by Mrs. Harrison, Miss Adelle McClellan, Mrs. Osgood and Mrs. Lewis, and is not only sweet in itself, but was most sweetly rendered. It is in fact, a masterpiece, and the ladies did themselves great credit. The tableau, "Receiving," was a double one. On one side was an elegantly dressed lady receiving New Year calls, and near by, in a scene of desolation, snow and want, was a poor woman clad in the garb of poverty and in the act of receiving charity. It presented at once both the beautiful and the somber of holiday scenes. At this point E. E. Long, chief of the fire department, came before the curtain, and in a neat and appropriate speech thanked the vast audience for their efforts to encourage and sustain the fire department, and assured them this show of their good will was appreciated. He believed the department was one of which all should be proud, composed

as it was of straight, sober, business men, who could, he felt sure, be depended on in any emergency. His speech was well received. Then came the chief piece of the evening, a domestic drama, "The Champion of Her Sex." It was a fine play, to begin with, and our ladies made it much better by their artistic rendering. The characters were well selected and well acted. The ladies not only displayed an appreciation of the characters they assumed, but showed a high order of elocutionary culture. Mrs. Osgood was one of the leading characters, Mrs. Duplex; Mrs. Hartman was the old lady, Mrs. Harrison, as Florence Duplex; Mrs. Rose was Caroline Duplex; Adelle McClellan was Rhoda Dendron; Mrs. H. J. Ralston was Pollie Nay; Mrs. Houser was an Irish servant, and a similar character was taken by Mrs. Barns. It would be impossible to present all the good points in this play or all the good work done by the actors. It was all well done and drew forth the most hearty applause. In fact, the whole entertainment was a most pleasant surprise to many who had not before had the privilege of hearing any of their literary entertainments. But a small portion of our people had known, that here in our own homes we have a group of cultured ladies whose literary tastes and talents are of a high order, and these made more effective by a most rigid course of training. But such is the case, and we hope at no distant day they will favor us with other entertainments of this kind. It was unanimously voted the best thing ever given in the new opera house. The firemen did nobly in assisting them and getting all things properly arranged, and the "laddies" start out with a world of good wishes from all.

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G. A. R. HALL

Tuesday Evening, April 12th.

7:30 P. M.



## HISTORY OF SOROSIS.

A Paper Read Before the Ladies' Literary Club in Auburn, April 17, '86.

Sorosis, the first woman's club organized in this country, had its origin in the refusal of the gentlemen journalists of New York to recognize the women of the press as equal to themselves and to allow them the same privileges they enjoyed as journalists.

In March, 1868, the "Press Club" of New York, comprising nearly all the leading journalists, offered to Charles Dickens, prior to his departure for England after a tour of this country, a dinner at Delmonico's, which was to excel anything of the kind before attempted. Upon the executive committee was D. G. Croly, then managing editor of the New York World, and through him his wife, also a writer, better known by the name of Jenny June, applied for a ticket to the dinner, claiming it on the ground that it was given as a compliment by the press of New York to one of its most distinguished members. The application was at first treated as a joke, but Mr. James Parton took it seriously, and at the next meeting presented a request from his own wife, a writer known by the name of Fanny Fern. Other applications followed, and the matter finally reached the ears of Horace Greely, editor of New York Tribune, who was to preside on the occasion, but now declared he would not unless the "women had a chance." The committee were now compelled to do something, accordingly three days before the dinner a reluctant note was sent to Mrs. Croly stating that if a sufficient number of ladies could be found willing to pay \$15 each for their tickets to make a good showing they would be permitted to purchase them. The ladies refused to avail themselves of the possible opportunity. During the intervening time the matter was discussed at the Sunday evening receptions of Alice and Phebe Cary. A meeting was called for consultation at the residence of Mrs. Croly, at which were present Mrs. Prof. Botta, Mrs. Field, Miss Kate Field and Mrs. C. B. Wilbour. Letters of invitation were sent to such ladies as they thought would make desirable members. Before the next meeting a constitution had been formed, a part of which is the following: The object of this association is to promote agreeable and useful relations among women of literary and artistic tastes. It is entirely independent of sectionalism or partisanship. It affords an opportunity for the discussion among women of new facts and principles the result of which promises to exert an important influence on the future of women and the welfare of society. Members are elected by ballot. The initiation fee is \$5. Members can invite friends to a regular meeting on assuming the extra expense. At this meeting the subject of a name was discussed. The Woman's League, Sphinx, and Columbia were proposed but the word Sorosis was at last agreed upon and the society was organized under it with 12 members. Alice Cary, the poet of American women was chosen president. At a meeting in April the name Sorosis was set aside and the Woman's League was adopted through the efforts of Miss Kate Field. At the May meeting, however, a resolution was adopted to reconsider this action and Sorosis was again adopted by an enthusiastic majority. This action, however, lost the club the co-operation of three members, among them Miss Kate Field, who left the room and the club in disgust. During this year a dinner was given to the Press club at which Sorosis did all the talking, allowing the gentlemen no chance to speak but just to sit still and look pleased at the efforts that were made to entertain them. I might insert

here a poem written for the occasion by Alice Cary and several bright speeches that were made, but time will not permit. In December, 1868, a charter was obtained and the club became an incorporated society capable of receiving bequests. In March, 1869, Miss Croly was elected president, Alice Cary having resigned on account of failing health. During the second year Miss Celia Burleigh started the Woman's Club of Brooklyn. At the close of this year, the membership of Sorosis had increased to nearly 100. Standing committees on literature, art, music and the drama had been formed. At a business meeting in June, 1873, the president, Miss Wilbour, stated her desire that the society should develop upon a broader basis. Accordingly a call was issued to the best known women of the day to meet in a woman's congress. On the morning of October 16, 1873, a large assemblage of women met in the Union League Theater in New York and proceeded to organize. A three days' meeting was held which resulted in the organization known as the "Association for the Advancement of Women," and an annual congress has been held every year since in various cities of the north and west. The following is the list of papers read at the first congress: "How Can Women Best Associate," Julia Ward Howe; "Enlightened Motherhood," Augustus Cooper Bristol; "The Inviolable Home," C. B. Wilbour; "The Co-Education of the Sexes," Mrs. E. C. Stanton; "No Home and the No Home Influence," Laura M. Bronson; "The Higher Education of Women," Prof. Maria Mitchell; "Normal Higher Education," Miss Frances E. Willard; "Woman's Work in the Pulpit and Church," Rev. Augusta J. Chapin; "The Relation of Woman to Her Dress," Mrs. Abba G. Woolson; "Woman's Place in Government," May F. Eastman; "The Enfranchisement of Women," Isabella Beecher Hooker; "The Relation of Women to the Temperance Cause," Elizabeth K. Churchill; "Practical Culture," Emma Marnsdel; "Kindergarten," Miss E. P. Peabody; "Temperance," Harriet N. H. Goff; "Endowments for Woman's Colleges," Catharine E. Beecher; "On the Cheering Prospects of Women," Mrs. Stowe and Miss Beecher; "Women in the Medical Profession," Mary Putnam Jacobi; "The Relation of Woman's Work in the Household to the Work Outside," Rev. Antonette Brown Blackwell; "Women in the Legal Profession," Phebe A. Cousins.

Sorosis meets twice every month, the first Monday is social day, when there is music, the reading of papers and discussion, preceded by a lunch, and the third Monday is devoted to business entirely and terminates with a lunch. On the first Monday in March occurs the annual election of officers, and the third Monday of that month is set apart for the anniversary dinner. The ladies invite guests who with themselves come arrayed in their most elegant toilets. The table, too, puts on a festive appearance and as each member is invited to contribute something, speech, song, toast or story, the occasion is usually a very interesting and brilliant one. Once a year Sorosis gives a reception and dinner at Delmonico's, to which the gentlemen are invited and in the exercises of which they participate.

Sorosis disclaims any benevolent object in its existence except the general one of collective education and advancement. The aim of its philanthropic committee is not so much the execution of schemes or its forwarding of individual enterprises, as inquiry into causes and conditions with a view to individual enlightenment and the discussion of methods best suited to reduce the amount of evil and suffering, and advance the sum-total of right-doing and happiness.

One of the functions of Sorosis is the recognition of the good work done by women as some offset to the distinction bestowed by men upon men. As an illustration, a reception was given in honor of Mrs. Martha J. Lamb upon the completion of her "History of New York City." A reception was also tendered Miss Emily Faithful, upon her first visit to this country, and did time permit I might describe the elegant dinner given in honor of Miss Mary Anderson only a few months ago. There is the Cary anniversary, which is a tribute alike to the sweetest and purest of American poets and to the first president of Sorosis. Jenny June was elected president in 1875 and continued to fill the office until March of this year, when Mrs. M. Louise Thomas was elected to the office. I close by reading what a New York correspondent, Max Elton, says of the election:

"Mrs. Croly (Jenny June) has been its president for the last ten years. There is an end to everything, even to filling an office in which you have done your duty, and more than your duty, without money and without price. A faction, at first no larger than a woman's hand, arose. Then it became formidable, and Jenny June was voted down. The lady who takes her place is Mrs. M. Louise Thomas, a most worthy person, and not to blame for the turn affairs have taken. Her friends did the work, and they did it effectually. They caucused, electioneered and stumped around quite like men to elect their chosen candidate. Mrs. Croly's friends labored quite as zealously, but did not understand the arts of war as well as their enemies.

There is feeling, and some little fuss, among the Sorosian fraternity just now, for how can such things be, and stir up no bitterness? It all hung on a question of equal suffrage, too, which is a straw showing the direction the wind is taking, certainly. Originally woman suffrage was a terrible dragon to Sorosis. It dared not be mentioned, to say nothing of being discussed. Certain members, who wanted to be both fashionable and intellectual, looked upon woman suffrage as a fearful thing, the very sound of which would do them infinite damage. Suffrage and caste they considered mortal enemies. Now that the once dreaded dragon has become a very respectable pet in intellectual fashionable circles, the number of its advocates in Sorosis has increased, and they want to discuss it. The new president intends to open the way to making it a standard topic. Not that she is narrow on that subject, but she understands the feminine mind. She knows that a number of women—even cultivated women—couldn't exchange views on such an exciting topic without stirring up gall. She wisely ruled it out.

It may be that the club has progressed far enough in toleration and advanced thought to discuss this explosive question without shattering itself into infuriated fragments. I hope so. Emerson has said that in a really civilized age, when people become as well poised and sound intellectually as they should be, all things can be discussed.

Mrs. Thomas, the new president, is the widow of a Unitarian clergyman, and is herself a very successful farmer, at Fordham, N. Y. Mrs. Croly goes out of the office she has filled with honor so long, regretted by a large number of the membership of the famous club. Sorosis is seventeen years old. Perhaps by the time it is twenty-one it may be old enough to vote on bigger questions."



## THEIR FOURTH.

### The Ladies of the L. L. C. Give Another of their Enjoyable Reunions.

Tuesday evening witnessed a most enjoyable gathering at the residence of A. J. Ralston. The occasion was the fourth annual reunion of the L. L. C., the Ladies Literary Club, an organization of which Auburn is justly proud. Over 100 were present, including the members and their invited guests, and by the admirable arrangements made by the club, all were comfortably placed and passed a brief season of social intercourse before the literary exercises began. The first on the programme, was a well delivered address of welcome by Mrs. Marv Rose, president of the club, followed by music by Miss Flora Hoffman. Arrangements were then made for lunch, and Mrs. Julia E. M. Hodge responded to the toast, "Sweet Auburn, loveliest Village of the Plain." Her remarks were very appropriate to the place and the occasion, calling up as they did so many memories of the old days when Auburn was but a village, and a very small one at that. It was well given and replete with good thoughts. After lunch came, Mrs. E. J. Willis' response to the odd toast, "Simon says, thumbs up." The quaint theme was as quaintly handled, the result being a very able, and very entertaining article for a subject that at first thought might appear commonplace and unpromising. It was "constructing a new garment out of the old curtains," and of course, was well received. "The Homes of the L. L. C." was the next toast and was responded to by Mrs. A. H. Barns in a well arranged speech abounding in good thoughts and feelingly delivered. Mrs. Frankie Davenport's was to the sentiment, "Our guests, the Gentlemen." It was a good subject, and was wittily handled, if one may use such an expression, for it abounded in brilliant hits as well as sensible allusions to the sterner sex whose good fortunes have allied them to members of the L. L. C. This was followed by a song by Mrs. Alice Lewis with her usual ability and accompanied by Miss Hoffman, on the piano. Mrs. Eliza Schaab read a very entertaining "Club Prophecy," setting forth the conditions and locations that might be expected to correspond with a date fifteen years hence. Some of the guesses she made must have been the result of a theory founded on undoubted authority, or else it was the result of inspiration. At all events it was witty and ingenious and was highly appreciated by the audience. This was followed by instrumental music by Miss Hoffman, which concluded the literary part of the exercises as far as the club was concerned. It is true, there were several "involuntary" addresses by the gentlemen, for the ladies insisted on hearing

from them and dragged them out in a state of utter "unpreparedness." But they made very successful little talks. Among these were Dr. Elson, Dr. J. Inston, Mr. Rose, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Willis, Mr. Hartman, and perhaps others. It would not be in order to close this description of one of the most pleasing society affairs we ever had, without a compliment to the ladies of this admirable association for their good taste in everything connected with it. The literary and musical part of the programme was of the highest character and the subject of many compliments. The lunch also, was one of the finest ever placed before our people, the cake and coffee being the work of the members of the club. Then there were the floral decorations, nearly all being of our early blooming wild wood flowers.

Each member of the club wore as a badge, a knot of wild violets, the gifts we believe, of Mrs. Hodge. Then there were the same sweet flowers as a base for beautiful bouquets of snow-white Trilliums, the latter so tastefully arranged in branching vases, that they looked like white lilies, and but few who gazed so admiringly at them, recognized at first, their welcome little woodside friends of early spring. It should, perhaps, be added here, that the club in this instance labored under unusual difficulties, most of them having families to care for, and finding it impossible to secure either room or refreshments ready prepared as was the case last year. But out of a multitude of cares, they arranged for the meeting, conducting for themselves every detail, and while it may not have been as elaborate in its completeness, as have been some of their "annual," it was at least as completely enjoyable. There was probably no one so fortunate as to receive an invitation, but felt proud of the honor, and glad to be with them. Among the guests from abroad, we remember Dr. and Mrs. Winslow, Mrs. Judge McBride and her daughter Daisy, Mrs. B. F. Kennedy and Miss Ida Blair, all of Waterloo; Dr. Richard Elson, of Canton, Ohio; Mrs. B. D. Harris, of Chicago, and N. M. Eichelberger, of Mansfield, Ohio. Too much thanks cannot be given to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Ralston and family for placing at the disposal of the club and its guests, their pleasant home and everything belonging to it.

### Farewell Reception.

The Ladies' Literary Club of this place met on last Saturday afternoon to give a farewell reception to Mrs. M. W. Harrison who has been for so long a worthy member of this club. The reception took place at the home of Mrs. Geo. Schaab, and, as is usual with their entertainments, was a very successful and pleasant affair. The ladies of this club have an established reputation for giving delightful entertainments, and while this was only a social gathering for the club and entirely informal, it was no exception to the general rule. The afternoon was spent in a social manner, no special program of work having been planned. The bright faces and the animated conversation gave evidences of the good time each one was having. At half past 5 o'clock refreshments were served, these refreshments were characteristic of this club, being abundant yet dainty. The members were waited upon during the lunch by "three young maids from school," Miss Mollie Murphy, the young lady of the house, and her assistants, Miss Alza Ralston and Miss Julia Hodge. The club was then called to order by the president, Mrs. Rose, who informed Mrs. Hodge that she, being the oldest member, had been chosen to present to Mrs. Harrison, a token of affection from the membership. The gift was a large and beautiful album in which every member had written some loving sentiment and her own name. The presentation was given in the following words:

Mrs. Harrison: I have been chosen by the Club to express to you in some small measure the regard and esteem in which we hold you, and our regret that we are to lose you from our society. Separation seems to be almost the rule in this world, where sorrow and joy go hand in hand, but we shall always feel richer for having known you, and wherever you may go, our best wishes will go with you. We can easily

prophesy happiness for you because you carry in your own heart the root of all true happiness, and although sorrow may come to you and the blossoms of joy wither, they will spring again and bloom in perennial loveliness. You will find true friends everywhere, since in yourself you possess those qualities which win friendship all the world over. Our club, individually and collectively wish to be kindly remembered by you. We ask you to accept this token of our regard, and may it in the future receive the record of many events indicating the prosperity of Auburn and the Club.

Mrs. Harrison was so surprised and overcome by this token of affectionate remembrance that she could only reply by bowing her head and a murmured "Thank you," but it was made eloquent by her tears, and they were found in other eyes besides her own. But it had not been intended to have the meeting a sad one, and soon the smiles were chasing away the tears, and they did not again appear until the final good bys were said. Mrs. Harrison has been a much loved member of this club and it is with sincere regret the members say good bye. Only four members were absent; two were out of town and two were detained on account of sickness. The fly leaf of the album contained the following beautiful dedication:

Mrs. M. L. HARRISON,  
In memory of many pleasant Saturday afternoons made brighter by your faithful work and gentle courtesy which we have all learned to value, and all regret to lose, we dedicate this book to the preservation of those among written or printed thoughts or incidents which will tend to perpetuate in your life endearing recollections of Auburn, her people and our club. Please accept it as an expression of the respect, the admiration and the most sincere affection of your fellow members in the L. L. C.

Auburn, May 15, 1936.

For the first time in its history, the L. L. C. met simply for an afternoon of purely social pleasure, and found it. Gayety was the spirit of the hour. It might be added, that Mrs. Ehlers read the contributions of the different members as found written in the album. Nor should we forget the rare and beautiful cactus which the good taste of Mrs. Houser added to pleasant features of the occasion. Mrs. Harrison does not lose her membership in the L. L. C. by her removal to Wabash.



# Communicated.

MR. EDITOR: The columns of the COURIER contained last week the entire programme as carried out at the celebration of the fourth anniversary of the L. L. C. of Auburn. It is needless therefore to recapitulate, but the impulse is upon me to express my full appreciation and thorough enjoyment of the occasion. The rooms were beautiful with their decoration of apple blossoms and the flowers of the wild-wood. The arrangements seemed complete in every respect; the literary part certainly a treat; the refreshments dainty and perfect; and the best taste shown in carrying out the details. It was indeed very pleasant to converse with old friends, and through the attentive courtesy of the lady whose guests we were, and of others, to form new and most delightful acquaintances whom we trust it may be our good fortune to meet many times hereafter. The occasion will always dwell in our minds as a pleasant memory of one evening of unalloyed enjoyment. I feel assured that I only voice the sentiment of all our party from Waterloo. In conclusion, "Sweet Auburn, loveliest village of the plain," must be a pleasant place to make one's home, and to be a member of the "L. L. C." both desirable and profitable. S. S. W.

## L. L. C.

Auburn, Indiana, April 12th, 1887.

### Officers:

PRESIDENT,	-	-	-	JULIA E. M. HODGE.
VICE-PRESIDENT,	-	-	-	FRANCES F. DAVENPORT.
SECRETARY,	-	-	-	HELEN ENSLEY.
TREASURER,	-	-	-	ANNA TEETERS.
CRITIC,	-	-	-	IDA V. EMANUEL.
CUSTODIAN OF QUERIES,	-	-	-	ELIZABETH J. WILLIS.

### Reception Committee:

LOTTIE F. OSGOOD,  
IDA V. EMANUEL,  
ELIZA SCHAAB.  
JENNIE COWAN,  
HADDESSA J. RALSTON.

## PROGRAMME.

### ROLL CALL.

President's Address.....JULIA E. M. HODGE.  
Vocal Duet.....ALICE LEWIS AND ANNA TEETERS.  
A Talk: "Do American Women Desire the Ballot?"  
.....VESTA M. W. SWARTS.

### SONGS OF SEVEN:

Prologue.....AMANDA E. HOUSER.  
"Seven Times One."—Childhood.....MARY OSGOOD.  
"Seven Times Two."—Romance.....M. ESTELLA SAWYERS.  
"Seven Times Three."—Love.....ANNA TEETERS.  
"Seven Times Four."—Maternity.....ALICE LEWIS.  
"Seven Times Five."—Widowhood.....MARY E. ROSE.  
"Seven Times Six."—Giving in Marriage.....HELEN ENSLEY.  
"Seven Times Seven."—Longing for Home.....ALLICIA H. BARNES.  
"My Visit to Gray's Peak.".....LILLY R. MCTIGHE.  
Quartette.....ALICE LEWIS, ANNA TEETERS, JENNIE COWAN,  
LOTTIE F. OSGOOD.

### COLLATION.

Toasts.....FLORA L. HOFFMAN, ELLA C. KEERAN,  
PRISCILLA ZIMMERMAN.  
Mistress of Toasts.....MARY C. HARTMAN.



# AUBURN WOMEN AT DISTRICT MEETING

Federated Clubs Well Represented at District Convention Held at Waterloo Thursday

## ALL OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

Mrs. George Beugnot of Auburn, to Serve Again as DeKalb County Chairman — Dr. Chas. Emerson Speaks on Insanity

Auburn sent a good sized delegation to the sixteenth annual meeting of Twelfth district federated clubs at Waterloo Thursday. Among those who attended from this city were:

Mrs. E. O. Hall, Mrs. Clarence Green, Mrs. Alicia Barnes, Mrs. Willis Rhoads, Mrs. E. F. Fibley, Mrs. Frank Mayfield, Mrs. Charles Krise, Mrs. William Batdorf, Mrs. E. W. Atkinson, Mrs. Arthur Wimer, Mrs. W. H. Willennar, Mrs. A. L. Kuhlman, Mrs. U. G. Souder, Mrs. Curt Hilkey, and Mrs. George Beugnot.

At the close of the morning session the following officers of the district were re-elected for the coming year: Mrs. Isaac M. Kahn, Kendallville, chairman; Mrs. Glen Knauss, Lagrange, vice-chairman, and Mrs. A. S. Courtney, Fort Wayne, secretary-treasurer. County chairman elected were Mrs. Frank Atwood, of Wolcottville, Lagrange county; Mrs. George Beugnot, Auburn, DeKalb county; Mrs. Edward J. Christman, Fort Wayne, Allen county; Mrs. Arthur U. Larson, Albion, Noble county and Mrs. Wallace W. Williamson, Columbia City, Whitley county. The 1925 meeting will be held in Ellettsville, Ind.

Dr. Charles P. Emerson, the principal speaker of the day, began his talk on "Mental Health" by discussing mental diseases and said that the laws of health are not natural laws that one easily understands, but that they have been dug out like a tunnel going from the known to the unknown.

Dr Emerson is dean of the University of Indiana Medical school at Indianapolis.

"In the first place, insanity is a legal not a medical term. And there are all grades of insanity. I am ashamed of the medical profession for lending itself to such a case as the Thaw case, where terms have been purposely confused. Insanity can be decided only by the courts and jury when a person is found to be mentally incompetent to handle his own affairs. It is not a question of mental disease but of whether or not the individual goes beyond the limit of his mental strength. Under the calm conditions with which a patient is surrounded in a hospital for the insane, he may never have occasion for a mental breakdown, but he may not be fit for the excitement that accompanies normal life.

"Of the 7,000 insane who need institutional care, 50 per cent are

classed as dementia praecox. This is a result of disturbed mental habit. The mind reacts on itself in such a way as to destroy itself. If I were to look among school children who might possess the symptoms that would later develop into this mental trouble. I should look among the 'goody-goody' boys and girls, the over-conscientious and those with 'queer' tendencies who are always tackling problems that too philosophic, or are too desirous of reforming the world.

"Studying the individual child in the home and school is the only way of reducing the 50 per cent of this kind of cases in our insane hospitals. Bad mental habits can be changed by education.

"There are 20 per cent suffering from melancholia and we need to be extremely careful of this group because here is where we find our geniuses. They need good care. They are the sensitive persons who should be studied and cherished. Another 20 per cent are the result of venereal disease and 10 per cent are the direct result of alcohol. However, in addition to those who are the direct result of alcohol there is a large percentage due to the use of alcohol in ancestors.

## 20,000 Mental Defectives

"There are 2,200 feeble-minded in institutions in Indiana and 20,000 mental defectives not in state schools or farms. Thanks to our charities, they are growing faster than the normal population. If left to themselves, they would not get such good care. They are not imbeciles or idiots, but they are mentally defective. I do not believe in segregation nor sterilization as a solution of the problem. But it is a problem that our citizens must recognize.

"The responsibility of the state is in proportion to the mental age instead of the physical age of these people. Those of the mental age from 6 to 8 must be treated as children in spite of the fact that they are from 20 to 30 years old physically. This is a problem for you and your neighbors. Epileptics require the same protection as the feeble-minded as this disease is more often inherited than any other type of mental disorder.

"The hysteria group may be reached by the proper mental means. The psychosthenics are those who suffer from imaginary pain. They suffer and die daily and can be cured in hospitals and psychopathic wards. The psychosthenics suffer from dreadful fears which paralyze the will. It takes just as much skill to reduce a dislocated idea as a dislocated joint. Therefore the psychopathic ward is the place for early cases that can be cured.

"I should like to see psychopathic wards in this state filled with children from 6 to 10 years old, with ideas a little odd, and filled with nurses and doctors. For nurses and doctors can be trained for these cases only in places that exist for the treatment of slight mental difficulties, not in insane hospitals. Interest yourself in this idea so that Indiana may have a psychopathic clinic.



"The problem today of mental health is determined in a large degree before 7 years of age, just as the child's use of English and habits of speech are determined early. If a child is to be nervously stable he must learn it before he is 7 years of age. If parents are unstable and their emotions are uncontrolled so that they give their children irritable handling, they influence the nervous stability of the child. A child gets the idea of God from his father and mother. A good example must be set before them from birth by parents of nervous stability who are self-controlled and emotionally controlled. They must earn frankness and simplicity also with no compromise. The child must be met on his own grounds and on his own terms and not scared into conceiving false ideas.

"Nervous troubles really begin before the child is 4 years of age, due to a physical injury. The student must be like the mariner who is able to discover the derelicts under the surface of the water. He must be able to discover the derelict experiences that we may strike at some time and when we do strike them, they compromise us. We can get rid of them through understanding of the right way of handling a child before he is 4 years of age.

"Laboratories are doing the same thing in the mental world that they did in discovering the cause of typhoid, malaria, yellow fever and the bubonic plague. They are enabling us to learn what one thing to be afraid of in bringing up children and they are teaching us to control it by preventing it before it occurs."

#### DeKalb County Report

Mrs. George Beugnot, chairman of DeKalb county, reported on the Auburn Culture club, Entre Nous and Ladies Literary club, the Athena club, Twentieth Century and Delphian club, of Garrett, the Progressive

Literary club and the Minerva club, of Waterloo, and the Help and Be Help club, of Corunna.

Delightful entertainment during the day was furnished by Mrs. E. A. Hartman, of Waterloo, who gave a musical reading, "Alux Italiens," a poem of Bulwer Lytton's, to the accompaniment of "Il Trovatore," at the morning session, and several harp selections at the afternoon session. Musical accompaniment was played by Mrs. Edna Jackman, also of Waterloo. During the luncheon intermission an excellent musical program was given by the Waterloo high school orchestra and glee club. An additional number was a group of songs by Dr. George Kennedy, formerly of Waterloo and now of Berlin, Germany, which were greatly enjoyed. Miss Harriet Bowman gave two charming vocal numbers, "The Unknown Soldier" and "Marcheta."



## LADIES LITERARY CLUB OBSERVES ANNIVERSARY

### Four Course Dinner and Entertainment at Auburn Country Club

The forty-second anniversary of the Ladies Literary club of Auburn, was pleasantly observed Tuesday evening when members and guests to the number of ninety, enjoyed a four course dinner and entertainment at the Auburn Country club.

The menu, which consisted of fruit cocktail, creamed chicken patties, browned new potatoes, green beans, rolls, butter, preserves, spring salad, coffee, sherbet, nut cake and nuts, was served at 6:30. The eight small tables placed about the dining room, were attractively arranged with yellow carnations and ferns, the club colors. Dainty nut cups of green and yellow marked the places of those present. The mantle in the living room was banked with jonquils and greenery, further carrying out the color scheme of yellow and green.

Following the dinner the rooms were cleared and rearranged for the program which had been planned for the evening. Mrs. Hazel Hall, president of the Ladies Literary club, greeted the members and guests after which she introduced Mrs. S. W. Edwards, an entertainer, of Indianapolis. The living room had been given the appearance of an old fashioned room and Mrs. Edwards, dressed in costume, gave "Candle Lighting Time." She was assisted by Mrs. E. F. Fribley at the piano, and the Misses Ruthe Whitten, Nelline Faylor and LaRea Foote.

Mrs. Hazel Fink, Mrs. Elsie Staman, Mrs. Myrtle Hines and Mrs. Nettie Timbrook were members of the committee in charge of the anniversary meeting.

## LADIES LITERARY CLUB SELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The annual picnic of the Ladies Literary club was held at the home of Mrs. John Zimmerman, an associate member of the organization, on North Van Buren street Saturday afternoon.

After the regular routine of business incident to the closing of the year's club work had been completed, officers were named for the coming year.

The following were elected: President, Mrs. Grace Hines Casebeer; vice president, Mrs. Nola B. Green; secretary, Mrs. Grace Thomas; treasurer, Mrs. Myrtle Hines; critic, Mrs. Winifred Dennison; parliamentarian, Mrs. Hazel Hall, and press correspondent, Mrs. Pauline Beugnot.

A delicious two course dinner was served by the picnic committee consisting of Mrs. Myrtle Hines, Mrs. Grace Thomas, Mrs. Sadie Krise, Mrs. Pauline Beugnot and Mrs. Abigail Sprott to the thirty-seven active, associate and honorary members present. Out of town guests were Mrs. W. H. Keeran of Fort Wayne, and Mrs. Margaret McTighe of Memphis, Tenn., former members of the club.

## ENTERTAIN MEMBERS OF LADIES LITERARY CLUB

### Associate and Honorary Members Hostesses at Home of Mrs. J. E. Graham

Associate and honorary members of the Ladies Literary club of Auburn were hostesses Saturday afternoon to the active members of the organization at the home of Mrs. J. E. Graham on West Seventh street. Invitations issued for the affair

were in the form of a poem and were written by Mrs. John Zimmerman. A note of acceptance, also written in rythm was composed by Miss Edna Davis, and these were read at the opening of the meeting.

Following the short business session, Miss Erthenia Graham gave three piano solos. Dr. Lida Leasure gave an interesting talk after which she introduced Mrs. Lottie Cochran of Tucson, Ariz. Mrs. Cochran, a former active member of the club, now an honorary member, told of

club work in Tucson.

A dainty two course luncheon was served. Thirty-five were present, the out-of-town guests and members being Mrs. Alice Fox of Brunswick, Ga., Mrs. Monte L. Green of Garrett, and Mrs. Cochran of Tucson.

Oct. 4, 1924

## FIRST MEETING OF YEAR FOR LADIES LITERARY CLUB

The first meeting of the year for the Ladies Literary club was held Saturday at the home of Mrs. Clarence Green on North Van Buren street. The officers of the club assisting. There were thirty-five honorary, associate and active members present. The program consisted of a very instructive and interesting address given by Dr. Harriet Dilla of Waterloo. She was formerly an instructor at Smith College at Northampton, Mass., and is now a member of the faculty of New York University, also of the Editorial Conference Committee of New York City. The subject of her address was "Some Recent Developments in Social Welfare." Mrs. William J. Buckley of Lake Gage, gave a musical program consisting of piano numbers.

A two course luncheon concluded the meeting.

The regular meeting of the club year will start next Saturday.

Mrs. Butler - Piano

Mrs. Thomas - vocal



Note of acceptance.

With the greatest of pleasure, each active member,  
will come to the party on the eighth of November,

At a quarter of three, some earlier, some later,  
As honorary and associate, bid us come to thier "eater".

Of loftiest themes will the converse be,  
Familiar to the members of the L. L. C.

We will try our best to do as you say  
With science & art & all the ologies in perfect array.

Small use we may make of the needle & thread  
When we're lounging and thinking of the oncoming spread.

Yes, we are glad to be the guest  
"Of Mrs. Graham and the rest".

By Mrs. Edna Davis



Will. in action  
Meet next Saturday at a quarter of three.  
Bring their sewing to do while stayin'  
in afternoon with Mrs. Zimmerman.  
For needle work and green tongues.  
That reminiscently may bring  
Into the ways of y-gone days  
When books and work gave way to plays.  
Now if our minds will, we'll look  
And take us from our work or book -  
Let's talk of this new radiation -  
That's changing up our education.  
Let's think of childrens' need of us -  
Or shelve our skulls with out a fuss.  
Our conversation may assume  
To help dispel fiction gloom!  
Or where we feel the most at home  
Will tell of cooking for our own.  
Or how we manage our finances -  
To please the ones who wear the pants.  
Or pardon me, I should say nickers!  
For cigarette men are such sticklers!  
If conversation leads from home  
Perhaps the skies need like to roam  
Where 3 R, three's, our four's, or seven  
May carry us from earth to heaven.  
The Honorarys and associates  
Will serve you all with well filled plates  
and when you've cleared that well filled plate  
you'll feel quite tempted to relax  
That this one time you've spent the best  
With Mrs. Graham and the rest.

Cecil Zimmerman.

Auburn

Nov 1, 1924.



# DR. VESTA SWARTS AGE 82, IS DEAD

Passed Away at Her Home on  
East Sixth Street, Auburn,  
Thursday Morning

## SICK FOR SIX YEARS

Deceased was Active in Practice of  
Medicine for Many Years—  
Served as a Nurse in  
Civil War

Dr. Vesta M. Swarts died at her home on East Sixth street, Auburn, Thursday morning at 7 o'clock at the age of 82 years, 3 months and 7 days from senility. She had been ill for a period of six years. During this time she has had the constant attention of nurses and the services of Dr. W. W. Swarts, her son, who resides in a home adjacent.

During the years of her active practice in medicine, Dr. Swarts was one of the most widely known women in DeKalb county, not only in the profession, but in club work and educational interests throughout the county.

For the past eight years Dr. Swarts has not practiced medicine. Her husband, Dr. David J. Swarts, died March 3, 1905.

Vesta M. Swarts was the daughter of Rev. Stephen Brown and Laura Ward, of Auburn. She was born in Lorain county, Ohio, on April 26, 1831, and came to DeKalb county, Indiana, with her parents in 1842. She received her early education in the Auburn public schools, completing her studies at the Northwestern Indiana Academy, at Orland, Steuben county, in 1858. She then began teaching and from that time up to her marriage to Dr. Swarts she was identified with the educational interest of DeKalb county, eventually becoming superintendent of the Auburn schools. For a year during the early part of the Civil war she taught school in Hicksville, Ohio, and in the great issue between the North and the South her loyalty inspired her to active efforts in behalf of the Union. She gave frequent talks and readings at meetings called for the enlistment of volunteers, and later while teaching at Auburn she had a class of thirty students who sang war songs on such occasions. She still had in her possession at the time of death several copies of these songs.

### Nurse in Civil War

In July, 1864, Mrs. Swarts, possessed with a deep consciousness of call to duty, resigned her position in the Auburn schools and started for the Southland, her intention being to join her husband and assist him in his care for the sick and wounded soldiers. He was then located at Altoona Pass, Georgia. She

called on Governor Morton of Indiana, and asked for a pass, which he readily gave her, but told her that communication was cut off by Hood's army, which was in Kentucky, and that she probably would not be able to get through for some time. However, he gave her an order to report for service to Mrs. Annie Wittenmyer, of the Christian Commission, at Louisville, and there, on July 15th, she began her work as nurse in the Brown U. S. General Hospital. In October of the same year she was transferred to the Crittenden U. S. General Hospital, at Louisville, where she remained until March 27, 1865, when, being unfit for further duty on account of poor health, she

was honorably discharged and returned to her home.

Her experiences in this work were necessarily far from pleasant, but she devoted herself, heart and soul, to the work for which she had offered herself and her record during that trying period was one of faithful and self-forgetting service for others. Only those who have had actual experience on the battlefield or in hospitals can fully realize how cheap human life is oftentimes held in time of war or of the awful carnage of battle. In the Crimean war Florence Nightingale led her devoted band of nurses along a new route in the mitigation of the horrors of war, and her American sisters followed along the same merciful and loving way. The nurses of the Civil war were recruited from everyday life and Mrs. Swarts was justly proud of the commission which she held from the government, for such commissions were not to be had for the mere asking.

Referring to her experiences in those days, Mrs. Swarts, in one of her letters wrote as follows: "A circular sent out by the superintendent of nurses of the Sanitary Commission stated emphatically that all nurses are required to be very plain looking women, their dresses must be brown or black, with no bows, no curls or jewelry, and no hoop skirts. I could have filled that bill of particulars perfectly, but was spared the inquisition, for Mrs. Wittenmyer, of the Christian Commission, to whom I reported for duty, was less exacting and my papers were duly signed by order of Secretary Stanton and the surgeon-general of the army." Again she wrote: "The army nurses know no North, no South, in their care for the sick and suffering."

### Practiced in Auburn

In 1878 Mrs. Swarts decided to devote herself to the practice of medicine and, after studying for awhile with her husband, she took special courses in medicine and surgery, and was admitted to the junior class of the department of medicine of the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor. And on March 1, 1882, she graduated at the Fort

Wayne College of Medicine and received her degree. She immediately entered upon the active practice of her profession in Auburn and later took a post-graduate course at New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dr. Vesta M. Swarts was a woman of high intellectual attainments, thoroughly demonstrated professional ability, and exalted personal character, so that she has at all times enjoyed the fullest measure of confidence and regard throughout the community where practically her entire life had been spent.

To David J. and Vesta Swarts were born two children, namely: Harris J. of Freeport, Ill., and Dr. Willard Ward of Auburn.

Besides the surviving sons, a sister, Mrs. Mary Ehlers of Fenton, Mich., two grandchildren, Ward Swarts and Mrs. Walter Huffman of Auburn and a great grand-daughter are living.

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No arrangements have been made for the funeral pending the arrival of a brother from Illinois.



DR. VESTA M. SWARTS



# TELLS OF FAMINE IN SOVIET RUSSIA

Miss Dorothy Detzer Speaks to  
Members of Ladies Literary  
Club and Guests

OVER 100 AT LIBRARY

Declares that People have Died Like  
Flies Because of Lack of Rail-  
road Transportation to  
get Food to Them

"Russia is trying to become a respected nation, a majority of the people being ashamed of bolshevism and bloodshed in that country," Miss Dorothy Detzer of Fort Wayne declared in an address before members of the Ladies Literary club and their guests in Auburn Saturday afternoon.

Miss Detzer spent a year in Russia as a worker in the Quaker relief mission, returning to the United States last fall. She spoke on the subject, "The New Russia." Miss Detzer's address was a part of the program provided by the Auburn club for guest day.

The girls' glee club of the Auburn high school under the direction of Miss Fern Ammon gave several selections and Mrs. E. F. Fribbley rendered a number of beautiful piano selections. Mrs. E. O. Hall, president of the Ladies Literary club, presided. The officers of the club, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Harry Casebeer, Mrs. A. V. Hines, Mrs. W. H. Hoagland, Mrs. B. L. Gray and Mrs. George Beugnot acted as a reception committee.

Miss Detzer was a very interesting speaker and the ladies present remarked at the close of the program that the talk was one of the best they had ever heard. In opening her address she said that she would not touch much upon the famine in Russia as that is a subject in its self and that if she were to devote her time to a discussion of the famine she would be unable to tell of other conditions in Russia. Her plea was for the people of the United States to have tolerance for the new Russia. She said that she did not expect people to respect Russia, not knowing circumstances, but that if they just had tolerance, Russia would eventually get on its feet.

## A Children's City

In speaking of child welfare, Miss Detzer declared that Russia has the most tremendous and best program of any nation in the world. She told of a city which the government has established entirely for orphan children. People who lived there were forced to move and the whole town turned over to the children. Approximately 30 children were placed in each house and the residences called communes.

The children take care of themselves, each commune being in charge of a committee of the children, which dictated rules and regulations for the house. From these committees members of a committee were chosen which has control over the entire town. Each commune has a cook and laundress and the children do the rest of the work. There is no other authority than that created by the children. There are teachers of music, art, dancing, etc., in the town but they don't dictate, just guide the youngsters. The children do their own composing of music, make up their own dances and choose subjects for painting. Miss Detzer spoke of the famous ballet at Moscow and said that she saw dancing in the communes far superior to that in Moscow. She said that the creating of a children's city was an experiment of the government.

Miss Detzer declares that Russia is a very ignorant country, many being unable to read or write and that the government is establishing schools throughout the land. The students have no money for equipment, such as pens, pencils, paper and books so they are taught orally.

Miss Detzer told of the clash between Christianity and communism. She declared that people in this country cannot understand why the Russian government took over the churches and confiscated the property. She said that the church and government in Russia have been really one. The government owns the

church buildings and their relation is the same as here if the government faced a financial crisis and would take over the court houses, school houses and other public institutions. Miss Detzer says that people in Russia could not understand why there was so much criticism from other countries when the government took over the churches.

Miss Detzer told of going to a church where a miracle was being performed. The whole country was excited and the people wrought up. She said that all of the images, pictures and altar were sparkling. People came from all parts of the country to see the beautiful sight. Admission was charged at the door. The excitement became so high that after four days the government locked the doors and would not let any one enter. The government sent for chemists and scientists to find out what was causing the "miracle." It was discovered that all the picture frames, images and altar had been painted with phosphorous and mirrors placed so that when the sun shone it gave a glittering effect. Miss Detzer said that the government is trying to do away with such fake religion and trying to organize a church.

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### Women are Not Slaves

Miss Detzer spoke of the women, declaring that not many years ago they were just slaves, the most menial task being none too low for them. Now, she declared, they have a place of honor in the government and have a voice in public affairs just like men. They are now respected like the women in the United States.

The speaker told of the Red army. She said that the government is trying out a new system. While the troops are drilling, the officers are in full command and the men are absolutely obedient to their officers but when drill is over the officers are no different than the men. She spoke of seeing a colonel thrown into a rain barrel. It seems that the occasion was the colonel's birthday and that after drill the men rushed up and carried him to the rain barrel as part of a celebration of the occasion. Miss Detzer said that the army system is the part of a new democracy they were trying to carry out.

Miss Detzer said that it was a terrible thing to know that in the relief centers and cities near the railroad that there was plenty of food and that in towns and cities away from the railroads that people were starving.

Food for people living 100 or 200 miles from a railroad must be transported by horses. In a town of 10,000 there may be only ten horses and they cannot carry enough food. As a result people have died like flies.

Miss Detzer spoke of malaria. She said that people in that country would not believe that the disease was caused by mosquitos breeding in undrained lands. She said that they thought that the disease was caused by little red devils in them and that when they took medicine and got better that the medicine drove them out. She said that sanitation and hygiene is being taught by picture posters as people are unable to read.

The speaker said that it was necessary to go to Russia and live to understand conditions. She said that she had just begun to understand the people in the vicinity in which she lived but that she didn't know anything of the rest of Russia.

### Suffer Famine Shock

She said that many workers in the relief division were officers in the world war. Miss Detzer often asked them which was the worst, the battle front or the famine front. In every instance she said that they answered, the famine front. She said that any number had to be sent back to the United States because of famine shock.

Miss Detzer said that work for the relief organizations was made hard because the people couldn't understand why people from a free country would leave comfortable homes and live and work in a Russian village in which there was nothing but mud huts and no amusement of any kind, not even a phonograph.

She said that the Russian people did not realize that it was for their good. The government thought that the relief workers were trying to undermine the government. She said that the workers were often downhearted because of the opposition of the Russian government and were ready to return home. After thinking it over, however, they could understand because efforts have been made so often to undermine the government that the Russians are suspicious."

## NEW FEDERATION IN DEKALB COUNTY

Club Women Meet in Auburn,  
Elect Officers and Draft  
Constitution and By-  
Laws

### WILL MEET REGULARLY

Mrs. George Beugnot Named President;  
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President and Miss Nellie  
Ober Secretary-  
Treasurer

At a meeting held in the Eckhart Library in Auburn Thursday, the organization of a DeKalb County Federation of Women's clubs was perfected. The following clubs sent representatives to the meeting: The Twentieth Century and the Athena clubs of Garrett; the Minerva and the Progressive Literary clubs of Waterloo; the Ladies' Literary club of St. Joe; the Help and Be Helped Club of Corunna; and the Entre Nous, Culture and Ladies' Literary clubs of Auburn.

Mrs. I. M. Kann of Kendallville, chairman of the Twelfth District Federation, was present and addressed the meeting, telling of the manifold advantages of county organization. A constitution and by-laws were then drafted to conform to those of the Twelfth District Federation. Following this came the election of officers for the ensuing year.

Mrs. George Beugnot of the Ladies' Literary club of Auburn had been previously elected county chairman at the district convention held recently in Waterloo. Mrs. Beugnot presided at the meeting in Auburn Thursday, at which time Mrs. F. M. Merica of the Twentieth Century club of Garrett was elected vice-chairman, and Miss Nellie Ober of the Culture club of Auburn was elected secretary-treasurer. The district chairman had previously suggested the advisability of having the chairman and the secretary-treasurer residents of the same town, in order to facilitate the work of the executive committee.

A get-together and social meeting is planned for the near future, at which time it is hoped that all the women's clubs of the county of whatsoever nature will be represented. This organization has been undertaken with the firm belief that there is strength in numbers, and that only by pooling the efforts of all club women can they hope to make the best and most rapid progress toward the solution of their common problems.





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members and guests. The party was  
in observance of the 50th anniversary  
of the organization.  
The long tables were beautifully  
decorated with bouquets of pussy  
willows, forsythia, jonquils, calen-  
dulas and ferns, the club colors of  
yellow and green. The menu con-  
sisted of fruit cocktail, escalloped  
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The members of the club in charge  
of the afternoon were the combined  
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Of white, or black, or grays, or  
browns.  
Of slender waists made so by slays,  
Bustles, pullbacks and polinaise.  
We sat erect and straight as sticks  
As ladies did in "86."  
Parliamentary rules were used  
To keep from growing too confused,  
Poems were read in humorous vein  
Of those who read both Twain and  
Taine.  
Who earned indeed the high regards  
Of several editorial bars.  
Songs so sweet of long ago  
Made our eyes with tears overflow.  
Excuses found that women true  
Always prefer home work to do.  
And women's work required some  
tricks

To carry on clubs in "86."  
To our pioneer member, a medal of  
bronze  
In remembrance of service in read-  
ings and songs,  
Her birthday, too, did we celebrate.  
Still bright and alert at 88.  
The table—all ready for tea—  
Such beauty one will seldom see,  
The cloth of lace, the silver, and  
Crystal, bright as a summer's day.  
Jonquils, roses, daisies and ferns  
Were lifted with becoming grace.  
The sandwiches with open face—  
Their flowers and leaves were made  
so true.  
What magic dainty hands can do  
With homely things like loaves of  
bread  
With olives, sliced, and cream cheese  
spread.  
Quite like flowers they can be  
When made up so artistically.  
There were dates well stuffed with  
nuts, and jello.  
And golden plates, with mints of  
yellow.

The birthday cake in tiers of three  
Trimmed with flowers sugary  
Rippling over the very edge,  
And every one given a generous  
wedge.  
Of the lovely white and yellow cake  
That blossomed that day for friend-  
ship's sake.  
A cake like that must have its day.  
We had it—ate it—and on our way  
To cherish long the memory  
Of a happy day with the L. L. C.

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Songs so sweet of long ago  
Made our eyes with tears o'erflow.  
Excuses found that women true  
Always prefer home work to do.  
And women's work required some  
tricks

To carry on clubs in "86."

To our pioneer member, a medal of  
bronze  
In remembrance of service in read-  
ings and songs,  
Her birthday, too, did we celebrate,  
Still bright and alert at 88.  
The table—all ready for tea—  
Such beauty one will seldom see,  
The cloth of lace, the silver, and  
tray,  
Crystal, bright as a summer's day.

Jonquils, roses, daisies and ferns  
In lovely bowls and golden urns.  
The sandwiches with open face—  
Were lifted with becoming grace.  
Their flowers and leaves were made  
so true,  
What magic dainty hands can do  
With homely things like loaves of  
bread  
With olives, sliced, and cream cheese  
spread.  
Quite like flowers they can be  
When made up so artistically.  
There were dates well stuffed with  
nuts, and jello.  
And golden plates, with mints of  
yellow.

The birthday cake in tiers of three  
Trimmed with flowers sugary  
Rippling over the very edge,  
And every one given a generous  
wedge,  
Of the lovely white and yellow cake  
That blossomed that day for friend-  
ship's sake.  
A cake like that must have its day.  
We had it—ate it—and on our way  
To cherish long the memory  
Of a happy day with the L. L. C.



## WALTER S. PENFIELD

### Treated Members of Ladies' Literary and Guests to Invaluable Information.

The first day of the club year for the Ladies' Literary club is always looked forward to with great pleasure, because the officers have this day in charge and furnish entertainment as they choose. This year the day was postponed for various reasons but the promise was given that they would sometime make good. The time came Monday evening and the members, husbands and guests to the number of ninety assembled at the commodious home of Mr. and Mrs. John Zimmerman and spent an evening together. The club will devote a portion of the year to the study of Panama and for this evening the officers were fortunate in having as a speaker Walter S. Penfield of Washington, D. C. For an hour and a half Mr. Penfield depicted the conditions, people and customs in a most interesting and fascinating manner. He gave not what you get in a book but personal experiences and observations made on the several trips to Central America, Panama and Cuba. He gave a description of the starting of a presidential campaign in Panama and of the inauguration of its president which he recently attended and under the new administration he was appointed as a cabinet member of the president.

He described at length the government of Guatemala. The inhabitants of all tropical countries are largely Indian and a mixture of Indian and Spanish. The natives are dirty, lazy and indolent. He lives in a shack, eats native fruits and fish, which are easily obtained, wears a shirt and overalls and his wants are supplied. Children go without clothes until they reach the age of ten or eleven.

Mr. Eldridge and Miss Sheets were the musicians for the evening and the officers served light refreshments. The ladies entertaining were Mesdames J. E. Buchanan, John Zimmerman, C. S. Stewart, F. E. Meschert, E. L. Fosdick, Alice Lewis and Alicia Barns.

to "American Slaves."  
We think that  
what woman  
know he knew what  
he frankly acknowledged  
his exercises had been  
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of Auburn, arr  
to make the  
Now as we recall  
of Auburn, Mesd.  
m. Foster, Harb  
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# CELEBRATE 34TH ANNIVERSARY

Members and Friends of Ladies' Literary Club Enjoy Banquet and Entertainment Tuesday Night.

## PLAY GIVEN BY ALL-STAR CAST

Miss Laura Rose, "Club Baby," Gives Toast to L. L. C. Babies— Other Toasts Given.

"This was a real old-time anniversary celebration," said one of the members of the Ladies' Literary club at the close of the evening's entertainment Tuesday night when a large number of members and friends gathered in honor of the club's thirty-fourth birthday.

The play "Reception Day at the Settlement House," given by members of the club in the assembly room at the library following the banquet and toasts in the basement of the Presbyterian church, was a very clever production.

Miss Lulu Bateman, coach for the L. L. C. "Stars," is entitled to a great deal of credit for the excellent manner in which it was given, as well as those who appeared in the various roles. Those taking part in the play were: Mrs. E. W. Atkinson, Miss Lulu Kinsey, Miss Bessie Kinsey, Mrs. John Zimmerman, Mrs. George Schaab, Mrs. H. L. McKenney, Miss Grace Hines, Miss Myrtle Hornberger, Mrs. T. H. Sprott, Mrs. F. J. Yessera, Mrs. C. P. Dennison, Mrs. E. W. Hicks and Miss Pauline Kingsbury. Miss Grace Hines opened the program at the library with a piano solo.

Nearly one hundred members and guests sat down to the banquet table in the spacious dining room of the Presbyterian church where a delicious five course banquet was served. The ladies of the church were caterers, the young ladies acting as waitresses and the service given could not have been excelled. The tables were decorated in the club colors, yellow and green and Easter lillies and ferns were used here and there about the room.

Following the banquet the president of the club, Mrs. George Beugnot, gave a short, happy greeting and closed by introducing Monte L. Green of Garrett, who responded to the toast, "Club Women." Miss Laura Rose, one of the babies of the club

gave in rhyme her version of the experiences of the "Babies of the L. L. C.," in the following lines:

Here's to the babies of the L. L. C. Most infants are rocked on their mother's knee. But these little children were left at home, with a friend or neighbor and often alone; while their mother's on Saturday, at a quarter past two, though their work for the day was by no means through. Their home cares all they would lay aside, and to club onward go while we lustily cried.

Studying history, chautauqua, social ethics and Tain, with never a thought of a colic pain, and bounced on a hard, relentless knee, I am sure we babies did then agree, we'd never belong to the L. L. C.

While our mother's were gone on culture bent, we ransacked the pantry to our content; first to the cookie jar behind the door, then scattered crumbs all over the floor, stick marks of jam on the window pane, watching for mother's return again.

Then following her desire for study, with dirty hands and cheeks so ruddy, we would don her best dress and hat and coat, and her clean white gloves and silk petticoat. Then taking a book—a dictionary preferred, for it was always open on some tricky word that mother had looked up as she hurried away, to be fresh in her mind on this club day.

And we would play train, with all the best chairs, wrap up in comforts and roll down stairs; then in the midst of our childish glee we'd say "Oh, kids, gee! Hain't we glad that mother belongs to the L. L. C."

But at six o'clock when she came home and we would be waiting there alone, with books and cushions all over the floor, and the room so torn up she could scarcely open the door, she would say "mercy me, what will you do next," then look hard at us and shake us real vexed, we'd cry, and then she'd sorry be, cause she belonged to the L. L. C.

But some of the babies when they were grown, forgot their firm purpose of staying at home and amusing their children and not leave them alone. They too joined the club and time strengthened them not, for its one of these babies sorrowful lot on Saturday afternoon at home to stay, I've done it now for many a day, my sister's babies are left with me, and when little Joe says so tearfully, "Where my mamma go" I say "to the L. L. C."

One wonders if the fire whistle has blown when you see these women rushing from home with books and magazines under their arms, completely lost to all home charms, in seeking to fathom ancient lore, to master the classics, and heaven

know what more, absorbed in battering civic affairs, these sadly neglected homes of theirs, are left unkept, unswept, unclean, the like of which you've never seen.

But when they preside so well at meetings and read fine papers, offer such cordial greetings, and book reviews from A to Z, that the author would most flattered be, to know that a member of the L. L. C. could present his work so charmingly.

Now the time is not remote, when Indiana women will have the vote, these thirty-four years of diligent work mean preparedness, no duty they'll shirk, and they'll settle all affairs of state, this question not open for debate. Will you raise your glasses and drink with me to the pride we feel in the L. L. C.

C. P. Dennison closed the program at the church with a humorous and fitting toast on our native state "Indiana," after which the company repaired to the library.

The Ladies' Literary club was organized April 2, 1882, with thirteen charter members. Of these charter members only three hold active membership in the organization at this time—Mrs. A. J. Ralston, Mrs. J. E. Rose and Mrs. Alicia Barnes. Of these Mrs. Ralston is the only one who has held a continuous active membership.

The first president of the club was the late Mrs. E. D. Hartman, Mrs. Ralston was the first secretary and in speaking of the early experiences of the club she said that they met with no little opposition in their efforts and that many comments gave the club short life, lots of trouble, women can not agree, etc. However, the thirty-four years have been sufficient to test the unlucky starting number, thirteen. Today it is among the most active organizations of the city and keeps up in full measure with the spirit and progress of the times.

A number of out of town guests were present including Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Thompson of Garrett, Miss Mason of Kendallville, and Mrs. H. A. Bright of Connersville, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Green and Miss Nellie Kingsbury, of Garrett, and Mrs. Dean Metcalf of Fort Wayne.



# THE EXHIBIT CLOSES AT THE LIBRARY

THE ECKHART PUBLIC LIBRARY  
WILL BE OPEN TONIGHT UNTIL  
10 O'CLOCK AND NOTHING WILL  
BE REMOVED UNTIL THEN

IT IS A GREAT EXHIBIT

Those Who Have Not Seen the Work  
of Indiana Artists Should  
Attend

Tonight the Art exhibit. Have you  
seen "Amy", "The Lady in Green," or  
"The Jade Necklace"?

Tonight will be your last opportunity. Come and take a last lingering look. The doors will remain open tonight until ten o'clock. Over a thousand names have been recorded in the registry book. Come and add your name and thus encourage the Ladies' Literary club by showing your appreciation of their efforts. But your presence will also prove that Auburn citizens are imbued with "Hoosier loyalty" to our own state artists. Just one thing more remains to be done to make the art exhibit worthy of its name and representative artists, and that is, for some one to purchase one of these choice paintings before they are sent on to Tipton tomorrow. "The Belmont Road," "On the Little Kankakee," "Wooded Hillside" and "The Valley Road" rival each other in conspicuous loveliness. "The Bouquet," "Snowballs" and "Looking Seaward" are favorites with many. Whoever secures either of these would be known and honored throughout the state as a patron of art. What would make a more suitable gift to our beautiful library than one of these pictures? What better adornment could be made to your home? "The Belmont Road" seems especially adapted to the library assembly room, as here it can be viewed with proper light and distance. No pictures will be taken down until Tuesday and nothing will be removed from the curio room until Tuesday. Music will be furnished tonight and doors remain open until ten o'clock. Come in the north entrance door.

## The 29th Anniversary Celebrated by the L. L. C. Club

The Art exhibition which closes tonight, has been given by the Ladies' Literary club in commemoration of their 29th anniversary. This club bears the distinction of being the oldest literary club in the county and each year since the date of organization the club has in some way observed the anniversary on the week following Easter and this year decided to celebrate by holding an Art exhibit, as in this way, the club would be able not only to give pleasure to their immediate friends, but could offer a worthy benefit to the whole community, as well as receiving a personal advantage in the study of art thus afforded. The success of this enterprise, if measured by the many kind words of approval, has certainly been affirmed

## CLUB DAY AT THE ART EXHIBIT

LADIES FROM ALL CLUBS OF DISTRICT IN ATTENDANCE IN RESPONSE TO GENERAL INVITATION TO ATTEND TODAY

### THE LADIES' EXCHANGE IDEAS

Today was guest day at the Art exhibit for all the ladies' clubs of the Twelfth district. This accounts for the flood of ladies which visited our city today.

Nearly every town and hamlet in the district was represented and all are enthusiastically impressed not only with the collection of art, but also at the splendor of the new library, in which the exhibit is housed. Mrs. Barnes, the librarian, is interviewed by several ladies who are filling like offices in other libraries, and opinions and ideas are exchanged which no doubt will be of mutual value to all.

## JUST SPLENDID IS THE EXHIBIT

EACH DAY OF THE ART EXHIBIT  
AT THE ECKHART PUBLIC LIBRARY BRINGS NEW ENTHUSIASM AS MAS TO ART

CURIO ROOM IS ATTRACTIVE

People Like to Linger Downstairs  
and Witness the Fine

Work  
Friday - 1911

The Art Exhibit which is being held under the auspices of the Ladies' Literary Club in the Eckhart public library, is now open to the public from 2 to 5 each afternoon, and from 7 to 9 each evening, including Monday evening, which will be the closing evening.

The high school and faculty, the schools of the county, the parents and the people in general are invited to attend Saturday afternoon. Admission is free to all, the L. L. C.'s welcome you at all times, what more can we say. Old and young, rich and poor are invited to attend by this ladies' club who are bearing all expense and who hope by this effort, to arouse interest along the different lines of art and thus seek to benefit our townspeople.

There was a large attendance last evening, the favorite picture being the theme of the evening's study, the general choice being No. 25, "Belmont Road," by T. C. Steele. It must be borne in mind that only Indiana artists are represented in this collection.

People like to linger downstairs in the curio room, where most of the loan exhibit and all of the local work may be found. The collection of Indian baskets by T. C. Ford is attractive, while the school exhibit deserves several columns of write-up. It is great; see it for yourself. Besides the extensive loan exhibit in china painting, Mrs. Leasure, Mrs. Shepard and Mrs. Cobb each have beautiful individual exhibits. Mrs. Cobb's work comes as a surprise, as few people



LADIES' LITERARY CLUB OF AUBURN OBSERVES ANNUAL CELEBRATION TUESDAY, APRIL 16th, 1912

There are some people in Auburn and they are not all members of the L. L. C., either, who think that when this club has anything to say that it is the last word; when this organization offers something, it is the finished product; when it has an anniversary, it is a masterpiece, gender considered.

It was the thirtieth anniversary of the Ladies' Literary club which was held in the Pythian hall Tuesday night and one of Auburn's representative crowds filled the room. The receiving line was present and the ushers were on duty. The program in hand showed the following numbers:

Remarks by president of L. L. C.—Miss Davis.

Vocal trio, "O Lovely Night" (Offenbach)—Mrs. Hicks, Miss Ferguson and Mrs. Schermerhorn.

Solo, "To You" (Speaks): "The Little Gray Dove" (Saar)—Mrs. Davis.

Piano duet, William Tell: 1 At Dawn, 2 The Storm, 3 The Calm, 4 Finale (Rossini)—Mrs. Wigent and Mrs. Thornburg.

"Observations in Egypt"—Mr. J. D. Brinkerhoff.

#### Cantata

Mid-Summer Night (Paul Bliss)—Mrs. Cooper, leader.

Spirit of Night—Mrs. Davis.

Spirit of Storm—Mrs. Cooper.

Spirit of Danger—Mrs. Schermerhorn.

Chorus—Mrs. McClung, Mrs. Weaver, Mrs. Langston, Mrs. Hicks, Miss DePew, Miss Knapp, Miss Ferguson, Miss Jeffrey.

Accompanist—Mrs. Thornburg.

"Your minds have feasted on Egypt and music lofty.

We'll now supply the inner man with mousse, cake and coffee."

The entertainment was good, it was splendid, it was in keeping with the enviable record established by this club. The musical numbers were practically a repetition of the last annual guest night program of the Auburn Amateur Musicales—in fact, this organization furnished the music of the evening. Another glimpse of this organization's talent refreshed the pleasant memories of their annual affair and served to enhance the charming thoughts that have been preserved concerning same. If such a thing is possible, the numbers were better than ever and any words of praise that might have been said concerning the A. A. M.'s efforts are hereby repeated and underscored.

## THE SUFFRAGETTES

Want to Elect a Mayor of City of Auburn.

WOULD NOT HANG TOGETHER

So Mayor Culbertson Has no Cause for Immediate Alarm.

With lightning like rapidity "show" companies are being formed in Auburn and without any doubt our all-stars will soon become famous and world renowned. On Friday evening the Tri Kappa girls with a strong cast gave "A Bunch of Roses" and on Saturday the officers of the Ladies Literary club, formed an equally strong company, gave "The Suffragette."

The officers for the year are Miss Edna Davis, Mesdames H. B. McCord, Geo. Beugnot, F. J. Nebelung and Chas. S. Stewart. Saturday was the first day of the club year and they proposed to set the work going at a merry pace. In addition to the play a celebrated orchestra played several selections. The members of the orchestra was composed of the officers of the club assisted by Mrs. F. E. Eckhart.

Miss Davis, after roll call and minutes, gave a neat little talk, including in the latter part the introduction of her company for the second part of the afternoon program. The first part was in honor of our Hoosier poet Riley, this being the date of his birthday. Several of his poems were read, Mrs. Beugnot sang and Mrs. Dennison played a piano solo.

At the close of this Miss Davis was so sorry to announce that the Vandalia train bringing her company here, was stranded and the audience must please wait with patience until its arrival. The transfer company, however, was not long in transferring them from the station to her home and soon the play was on, with the following "all-stars."

Mrs. Simon Pure, candidate for mayor—Mrs. Beugnot.

Mrs. Kodd Fish, autofadist—Mrs. McCord.

Miss Lillie White, maiden lady and hard of hearing—Mrs. Nebelung.

Miss Cue, nearly a musician—Miss Davis.

Malinda Johnson, janitor's wife. Mrs. Chas. Stewart.

Malinda Johnson was transformed from the janitor's wife into Mrs. Pure's maid for the occasion, a suffragette meeting, which was presided over by the candidate for mayor, who, between the persistency of Miss Cue to play with rythm and run things by rythm, Mrs. Kodd Fish's auto glib, the hard hearing of Miss White and the pranks of the colo'd maid found her efforts to be elected futile. Malinda also played the tambourine in the orchestra and would have put the colored lady on the streets to rout by her classical music.

About twenty guests were present besides the members who after this feast of fun enjoyed a feast of good things served in the three course dinner. The out-of-town guests were Mrs. Cora McBride of Portland, Ore., and Mrs. Amos Walsworth of Enid, Oklahoma.

Mr. Brinkerhoff, if the words may be permitted while discussing the L. L. C.'s affairs, made good. The only too brief, or it seemed so, glance given us, in his observations of Egypt, of this old sleeping oriental land, whetted the desire for more and more, and it would seem that the speaker would be good for several evenings and then not have exhausted his subject. He had with him quite a few photos, trinkets, curios, ornaments, etc., that proved of interest and drew a crowd after the talk was over.

The collation was dainty and delicious, served in relays, informal and a fitting finale to the pleasures of the evening.

Like the proverbial old wine, the L. L. C. improves with age.





Twenty-Seventh Anniversary  
of the  
*Ladies' Literary Club*  
at the home of  
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Leasure

## LADIES LITERARY CLUB

*Tuesday, April 13, 1909--Six O'clock*

MRS. ROSE HUSSELMAN, TOASTMASTERESS

### MALE QUARTETTE

Greeting by	-	-	-	-	-	President
"Our Club"	-	-	-	-	-	Mrs. Priscilla Zimmerman
"Our Guests"	-	-	-	-	-	Mrs. Maria Holmes Willis
"Our City"	-	-	-	-	-	Mrs. Eliza Schaab

### Menu....

BOUILLON	WAFERS
STUFFED CELERY	
ROAST PORK	CHICKEN PIE
MASHED POTATOES	BROWN GRAVY
PARKER HOUSE ROLLS	
RADISHES	PICKLES
JELLY	
FRUIT SALAD	WAFERS
SALTED NUTS	
ICE CREAM	WHITE CAKE
COFFEE	
MINTS	

### Committee

MRS. J. E. BUCHANAN	MRS. HUBERT HARTMAN
MRS. GEO. SHEPARD	



**Pronounce the Annual Anniversary of the L. L. C. a Big Success.**

Once a year the ladies of the L. L. C. look forward to their anniversary with pleasure and the guests who are so fortunate as to be invited look backward to the occasion as one of the real pleasurable evenings of the year. Tuesday evening for the twenty-sixth time the L. L. C. entertained in honor of this event. The spacious K. of P. hall was used with the Pythian Sisters as caterers of a banquet admirably served in four courses of many appetizing viands. One hundred and fifty-two plates were laid, within two of the full number allotted to the club members.

The colors of the club were carried out on the printed program, in the flowers decorating the tables and in the ice cream served. The club colors are green and yellow.

Mrs. Emanuel, the president, was assisted in receiving by Mrs. J. E. Rose, Mrs. A. J. Ralston and Mrs. Barns. These three ladies were charter members and are the only three charter members now in the active work of the club. Between the courses and after the completion of the banquet, those present were entertained by some entertaining toasts. Mrs. Emanuel, the president, acted as toastmistress for the occasion and extended to the guests a welcome in a few fitting words beautifully expressed. Dr. Vesta M. Swarts, a charter member of the club, not now active in the club work, responded to the toast "Our Guests." This was followed by the toasts "Our Wives and Mothers as Club Women" by Prof. H. S. Hippensteel, "Ideals" by Judge J. H. Rose and "Our Husbands" by Mrs. Callie Zimmerman. Mrs. Jane Hine of Sedan, now 77 years of age recited an original poem. These selections were all the subject of much favorable comment and were of a high standard of thought with an occasional humorous expression to enliven the listeners, the latter true especially in the paper by Mrs. Zimmerman which was full of witty and amusing expressions.

The flowers used for decorations were sent to some of the sick of the city, those favored being John Aber, Henry Shull, Mrs. Zeigler, Mrs. Enos Casebeer and the son of Isaac Grogg. The L. L. C. committee in charge of the evening entertainment was Mrs. John Baxter, Mrs. Frank Eckhart and Mrs. D. A. Hodge.

**TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY**

**Celebrated By the Ladies' Literary Club on Tuesday Evening.**

The Ladies' Literary club celebrated their twenty-eighth anniversary Tuesday evening. Each succeeding year this event is looked forward to with much interest by the members, and especially those fortunate enough to be guests. For this evening Mr. and Mrs. John H. Leasure threw open the doors of their elegant home and joined the members of the society in extending a cordial greeting. One of the features of the evening was a delicious four-course banquet in which the following menu was served.

FIRST COURSE—Fruits.

SECOND COURSE—Individual chicken pies, meat loaf, potato chips, scalloped corn, rolls, pickles and jelly.

THIRD COURSE—Pea salad, wafers and olives.

FOURTH COURSE—Ice cream, cake, coffee and mints.

The tables were beautifully decorated in green and gold—the club colors—smilax and daffodils being lavishly used. Other beautiful potted plants were here and there about the beautiful rooms.

Preceding the banquet, the president, Mrs. A. J. Ralston, in a few well-chosen words, welcomed the guests and extended greetings, offering a touching tribute to the memory of a charter member of the club who recently passed away, Mrs. A. S. Leas.

Following the banquet Mrs. George Beugnot, in her usual capable and pleasing manner, gave several readings which were heartily appreciated by the company. During the entire evening sweet music filled the spacious rooms, Miss Grace Conrad presiding at the piano. Over eighty plates were laid.



## THANKS

That is the Spirit Entertained by  
the Ladies Literary Club:

The Ladies Literary club desire to publicly express their thanks for the invaluable assistance they have received from so many friends in making the Art Exhibit a success and especially do they desire to express their appreciation to the newspapers without whose assistance it would have been impossible to have aroused the interest which has been manifested; to the Library Board for the use of the rooms of the beautiful Eckhart Public Library; to the Auburn schools whose exhibit has excited the admiration and interest of all; to our friends who kindly brought their choicest possessions of art for both the loan and individual exhibits including the numerous fine paintings, china, curios, Indian baskets and all other art work; to the Auburn Amateur Musicals for their assistance in providing music; to each and all who have in any way contributed to the success and pleasure of the exhibit. In addition to the great interest shown by the visitors for the traveling exhibit as equally great an interest was shown in the local and school exhibits. The attendance for the week was large—beyond the most sanguine expectations—the number registering being over 1500 besides a large number who did not register.

## THE ART EXHIBIT OPENED LAST NIGHT

WAS GUEST NIGHT FOR COMMERCIAL CLUB MEMBERS AND THEIR WIVES—200 PEOPLE ATTENDED LAST NIGHT

PUBLIC INVITED TO ALL SESSIONS

First Public Exhibition of the Work  
of the Students of the City  
Schools

Last night was the opening night of the Art Exhibit at the Eckhart public library and many guests were in attendance to welcome the ladies of the L. L. C., who are endeavoring so earnestly to further the cause of art in Auburn. Although the attendance fell short of what had been expected, still about 200 people viewed the Indiana artists' traveling exhibition. The exhibit will be open tonight from 7 till 9 o'clock, and everybody is invited to visit the exhibition. Tomorrow afternoon will be guest day for the ladies of the L. L. C., but the public will be admitted at any time during the exhibition—in fact, the ladies insistently request that you not only visit the collection once but visit it many times, as in this manner, you will appreciate more and more the merit of this splendid collection.

In the curio room you will see for the first time in this city a display of work done by the students of the Auburn public schools. This collection is exciting unusual interest, as many of our citizens, were never informed that the students were indulging in this modern branch of school craft.

This is the best opportunity the public has ever had to become acquainted with the products of local artists—in fact, these canvasses are so diverse and representative that it is highly improbable that a more significant group could be collected in any other city of this size.

## WHO ARRANGES THE TRAVELING EXHIBIT?

MRS. JOHNSON, WHO IS PRESIDENT OF RICHMOND ART ASSOCIATION, IS LADY WHO HAS UNDERTAKEN THE WORK

SCHOOL EXHIBIT INTERESTING

Yesterday Was Guest Day For Women's Clubs of Twelfth District  
—Many Towns Represented

Visitors to the Art exhibit yesterday afternoon numbered at least 150, being mostly representatives of the various women's clubs of the Twelfth district, who were invited as guests of the L. L. C. The registry book shows Kendallville, Waterloo, Butler, Garrett, Albion, Fort Wayne and other guests, who were pleased with our grand library building and interested in the exhibits. They gave great praise to the exhibits found in the curio room, as there the local work was found, both in individual and loan which speaks well for our town, while the great school exhibit excites the admiration and interest of all. In the evening at least 200 people were present.

The question is repeatedly asked, Who arranges this traveling exhibit? The answer is: Mrs. M. W. Johnson of Richmond, who is the president of the Richmond Art association and also chairman of the art committee of the Indiana Federation of Women's clubs. Mrs. Johnson has undertaken a noble work by thus endeavoring to raise the standard of art in the state of Indiana. She plans to work through the women's clubs. It is indeed a revelation to our people to learn that Indiana has so many good artists.

The question is also asked: Has anyone purchased a picture in Auburn? Can we not find a patron? It would be the pride of Auburn if we could report the sale of one picture even. Have you seen "The Bouquet," "The Little Kankakee," "Amy," or "The Belmont Road"? Come tonight and Monday. If you have been in attendance, come again. It is your last chance.



## ANOTHER YEAR

Of the Organization of the Ladies' Literary Club has Passed into History.

### EVENT FITTINGLY CELEBRATED

At the Spacious Home of Mr. and Mrs. John Zimmerman Last Evening.

Nearly eighty people gathered at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. John Zimmerman on North VanBuren street last evening to do homage to an event of more than ordinary importance—the celebrating of the twenty-fourth anniversary of the Ladies' Literary club of our city. Each year since the inception of this club among the organizations of Auburn its members have planned and executed a fitting memorial in honor of its birth. Not alone do the ladies enjoy these annual festivities, but through their courtesy their husbands and friends are also afforded an opportunity of enjoying them. Last evening each member was privileged to invite one guest and a more congenial and happy company never mingled together in our city.

Privileged indeed were the guests to be permitted to assemble midst the number of notables represented in costume and otherwise by the members of the club. But who or what book did they represent? Could anyone guess them all? Echo answers, no. Particular mention may be made of the representation of "The Two Old Fashioned Roses," by Mrs. J. H. and Miss Laura Rose; Mrs. F. L. Welsheimer as "Samantha at Saratoga;" Mrs. W. W. Swarts as "Alice of Old Vincennes" and Mrs. Geo. Schaab as "The Woman who Swept the Cobwebs from the Sky." Others equally good were "The Face and the Mask," Mrs. F. P. Selter; "Snow Bound," Miss Buckley; "Snow Image," Mrs. Thos. Sprout; "Gray's Eulogy," Mrs. D. A. Hodge; "A Maiden's Choice," Mrs. N. T. Jackman; "Under Two Flags," Mrs. Rose Husselman; "To Have and to Hold," Mrs. Lewis; "Lady of Quality," Mrs. C. S. Stewart; "Lucile," Mrs. G. W. Lackey; "Priscilla," Mrs. Elias Zimmerman; "A Bow of Orange Ribbon," Mrs. Marie Holmes; "Pickwick Papers," Mrs. J. E. Rose; "Francis Willard," Miss Shultz; "In no Sense a Broad," Mrs. Jno. Zimmerman; "Woman in White," Mrs. Howard McCord, and "Vanity Fair," Mrs. Elson.

Those guessing the largest number

Those guessing the largest number correctly were given another guessing contest to see who would win the prize resulting in Mrs. J. Howard Wagner winning it and she was presented with a handsome book, "The Conquest of Canaan," by Booth Tarkington.

Tables were then provided and partners secured for refreshments after which the company was served with the most delicious viands consisting of bread and butter sandwiches, vegetable salad, pressed chicken, ice cream, strawberries, cake, coffee and sweetmeats.

A short social session closed one of the best anniversaries in the history of the L. L. C., and the success of it largely depended upon the efficient president, her committee and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman, whose home has been the scene of so many pleasant gatherings.



## SOCIETY NOTES

### L. L. C. Guest Day.

At the spacious and hospitable home of Miss Edna Davis the doors were thrown wide open Saturday afternoon to receive the guests and members of the Ladies Literary Club which assembled there to the number of about one hundred. A very unique and enjoyable program was rendered as follows: As the secretary called the roll the members responded with quotations from their favorite hymns. The company then sang, "Best be the Tie that Binds." Mrs. Holmes read a paper, using as her subject, "History of Hymnology." This was well prepared and brought out many facts about the origin, early and later history of hymns. During its reading it was interspersed with singing the "Gloria Patri" and the "Gloria Excelsis" by Mesdames Yesbera, McClung, Hodge and Callie Zimmerman. "Hymns of the Present Day" was the subject of an interesting and instructive paper prepared by Mrs. Barns. She read it well and as an ending asked the company to sing one verse of "America." This was followed by a paper by Mrs. Callie Zimmerman entitled "Early Hymns." The subject being similar to the subject of the paper to follow and fearing a repetition she turned her theme into a most original and happy channel and while clinging close to the subject of "Hymns" made it replete from start to finish with witty puns and humorous sayings, justly earning the name of the Club Humorist. During its reading it was aptly illustrated with singing by Mrs. Yesbera. Following this Miss Davis very sweetly rendered a piano solo entitled "Nearer My God to Thee" as a prelude to the paper to follow by Mrs. Seiler on the subject, "English Hymns." Her production showed much thought and preparation and was given in a most pleasing manner. As a closing of the program the company sang the Doxology, after which a social hour which the ladies of Auburn know so well how to improve (we challenge the ladies of any other town to beat them) followed during which time light refreshments were served. The time passed so pleasantly that it is a feeling of almost regret that it is the last L. L. C. guest day for 1907.

### Ladies Literary Club.

The Ladies Literary Club met at the home of Mrs. Mabel Hodge. The lesson from New Harmony Movement was conducted in a very pleasing manner by Mrs. Eliza Schaab. Mrs. Lodewick gave a three minute talk on telephone manners, in which she expressed much sympathy for operators at central offices, thought if people knew all they had to contend with, they would have more patience when things did not go just right. Mrs. Nettie Eckhart rendered a fine vocal solo, "A Christmas Song." The next meeting will be January 15, at the home of Mrs. Callie Zimmerman.

"Belated Baggage", by Mrs. Ella Baxter, was a topic of great interest, being both humorous and pathetic. A very excellent paper was given by Mrs. Seiler entitled "The Costliest of Sports." Adjourned to meet with Dr. Lida Leasure Saturday next.

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### Had Good Attendance.

The Ladies Literary Club met at the home of Mrs. Elias Zimmerman, Saturday. Rather more than the usual number were in attendance. Much interest was manifested by all in the lesson from the year's text book, "The New Harmony Movement, which was conducted by Miss Shutt, who proved her ability to draw out the most essential thoughts and make them interesting. Discussion, "Shall a Wife Have a Money Allowance," by Mrs. Eckhart, was ably conducted. Discussion by Club followed. We refrain from giving the result on account of the other half of the families represented. November 18, guest day, the club will meet with Mrs. Seiler.



## ANNIVERSARY OF L. L. C.

23  
Celebrated at the Home of Dr. Lida  
Leasure Tuesday Evening.

### A BRILLIANT SOCIAL EVENT

Nearly One Hundred People Enjoy  
the Pleasing Occasion.

Since the organization of the Ladies' Literary Club twenty-three years ago it has been customary each year to celebrate the anniversary and these annual gatherings of members and friends are looked forward to with pleasant anticipations—each recurring anniversary being fully, and more than up to the standard of the anticipations in every connection.

For some weeks the ladies of the club have been quietly at work planning and arranging for their twenty-third anniversary and Tuesday evening witnessed the culmination of their efforts. The elegant new home of Dr. Lida Leasure on west Seventh street was thrown open for the occasion and the spacious rooms and nicely arranged interior so admirably adapted for receptions of this kind fully accommodated the large company.

Before eight o'clock the members and guests began to arrive and were received by Miss Flossie Leasure. At 8:45 the brief program began with a piano solo by Miss Leasure. Following this the president, Mrs. Elias Zimmerman, in an able address, bade the guests welcome. Mrs. Zimmerman is a speaker of more than ordinary ability and her efforts on this occasion were appreciated by those who heard her. A beautiful piano duet was rendered by the Misses Edna Davis and Inez Kuapp and Miss Mae Rose closed the program with a recitation. Miss Rose did splendidly and many were the words of praise heard in her behalf.

A series of questions styled "A Literary Courtship" were presented to each one, the answers to be supplied from the title of some popular book. Were they all answered? Echo answers in the negative, the knowledge of most of the participants at this time being where they were "to hold and to keep it," and from the numerous queries and exclamations of surprise when the correct answers were read by Mrs. J. A. Barnes, it must be concluded that this company was not thoroughly conversant with "literary" courtship. However, much amusement was afforded and the search was thoroughly enjoyed.

Last, but not least, the guests had themselves seated around small tables betokening viands from one of woman's crowning efforts—the culinary art—and the elegant banquet, served in two courses and consisting of sandwiches, pressed chicken, stuffed eggs with Mayonnaise dressing, radishes, strawberries, ice cream, cake, assorted cakes and coffee, proved these ladies to be well versed in the details of the most important department of the home.

The occasion was honored by the presence of two charter members of the club who are now out-of-town residents, Mrs. A. S. Leas of Ann Arbor, Mich., and Mrs. Ensley of Indianapolis. Mrs. S. Z. Dickinson of Jackson, Mich., was also an out-of-town guest.

Too much praise can not be given the ladies of the club and the hostess for their untiring efforts in furnishing so pleasant an evening and especially is credit due the president and various committees who had the arrangements in charge.



## The L. L. C. Picnic.

The L. L. C. programs for 1904 and 1905 read June 17th. "A Picnic," with the names of the committee set opposite. The committee met, and after long and mature deliberations decided on presenting two plans for consideration of the club. Much to the surprise of the committee both were rejected and a motion was carried to stay at home. A new committee was appointed and hoping they would have better luck, Club adjourned to meet with Mrs. Welshimer on East 5th street, for a regular meeting June 17th at which time back work was to be brought up and so the hopes for a "Picnic" were seemingly blasted. Saturday the 17th, arrived and quite a number met to hear the work and discuss some business matters and all seemed to be going on in the usual quiet way the only unusual feature being that the club was seated on the grassy rose bordered lawn just east of the house. Mrs. Welshimer gave a fine paper "Woman's Work in Social Reforms" which all enjoyed. The president then announced that work that was not on the printed program would be given by Mrs. Holmes. The members were then most agreeably surprised and pleased when the following original poem was given by her in her witty and inimitable style, entitled:

### All's Well That Ends Well.

June seventeenth nineteen-hundred and five

Was set for a picnic (all being alive)

By the program committee of nineteen  
naught four

Of the Literary Club, numbering  
thirty or more,

Of the brightest ladies the city contains

Filled with ambition, struggling for  
fame,

They wrestled with history, poetry  
and prose,

Art, parliamentary drill and the land  
only knows

Half of the things crowded into their  
brains,

Or how many suffered neuralgic pains  
In order that they might get to go

To some quiet spot where the cool  
breezes blow,

To some mountain peak, or clear wind-  
ing stream,

Where they could sit for awhile and  
idly dream,

Hear the birds sing, see the lambs  
skip and play,

Just a few hours, even one short day  
To be free from books, from study and  
care,

To get one little sniff of the pure fresh  
air.

The time came at last, as such times  
always will

And they all took their places, quiet  
and still

Then the president arose, so stately  
and grand

And said, "Ladies, the time is at hand,  
For the committee's report on places  
to go,

For a picnic, and now let us know

What are your wishes, and where  
shall it be?

At Robinson Park, or down by the sea?  
Then Allicia arose with a smile on her  
face

Said she "Robinson Park, that's just the  
place

For Barnum's Circus is going to be  
there

We can take it all in for just the one  
fare

See animals, and Indians, hear the  
band play

Ride down in the hand wagon, stay  
there all day."

But that didn't carry, I'm sorry to  
say

The rest wanted to go some other way  
Some on the cars, some in automo-  
biles

A few in carriages, some on their  
wheels,

Abbie, Callie, Priscilla and two or  
three more

Thought a picnic at home, in the  
house or out door,

Would be just the thing, but they  
couldn't agree,

So at last they decided it was not to  
be.

The meeting adjourned, with hearts  
heavy and sad

They meandered toward home, none  
of them mad,

Yet feeling they had missed the event  
of their lives,

Poor tired mothers, daughters and  
wives

To have to give up just in sight of  
the goal,

No food for the body, all for the soul  
All work and no play, how sad to re-  
late,

Only one thing to do, he resigned to  
their fate,

But there's always some that never  
will yield,

Though the battle's against them they  
return to the field,

Pick up the weapons the foe has laid  
down,

Thinking perhaps they will win some  
renown

In some way or other, by some hook  
or crook,

So the plan for the picnic they never  
forsook

These were Nellie and Callie and Ma-  
tilda, Mari

Priscilla and Cora and Eva so shy  
With Ella the wise to lead in the fray,

Determined a picnic to have on that  
day,

So, here we all are in Eva's back yard  
"Among the roses, and posies," (I quote  
from the bard.)

Please enjoy yourselves to the fullest  
extent,

Take this little joke in the spirit  
that's meant,

And when we go home in separate  
ways,

May we look back to this as the  
daintiest of days.

At the close this very enjoyable  
part of the program, The committee  
consisting of Mrs. Nellie Swartz, Mrs.  
Callie Zimmerman, Mrs. Eva Welsh-  
imer, Mrs. Maria Holmes, Mrs. Ella  
Baxter, Mrs. Cora Lodewick surprised  
the club by serving delicious refresh-  
ments, consisting of strawberries, ice  
cream and cake. It was a delightful  
surprise to most of the club and closed a  
pleasant afternoon and the long deferred  
"Picnic" was voted a great success.  
Club adjourned to meet next Saturday  
for the last meeting of the club year  
with Mrs. Soller.



# TWENTY FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

## Of Ladies Literary Club Celebrated Tuesday Evening.

One of the most enjoyable social functions of this season in Auburn was the celebration Tuesday evening of their twenty-fifth anniversary by the Ladies Literary club at the home of Mrs. William McIntyre on west Seventh street with Miss McTighe as hostess. For this happy annual occasion each member of the club was permitted to invite a guest and the large membership, together with their fortunate friends filled the commodious and ample home of Mrs. McIntyre.

About 8:30 o'clock the vice-president Mrs. Charles Emanuel announced the evening's program. By way of introductory remarks Mrs. Emanuel explained the absence of the president and spoke briefly but interestingly on the purpose of the occasion, saying in substance,—"This is an occasion of pleasure and yet amidst the pleasant memories it quickens, we are reminded that the wheels of time rest not. Twenty-five years have passed since 13 women met at the home of Mrs. A. S. Leas and organized the first Women's club of this city naming it The Ladies Literary Society with Mrs. Hartman as president, Mrs. Leas vice-president, Mrs. Ralston secretary. These 13 by their earnestness overcame whatever of ill fortune legendary attaches to that number, and made this club a successful and permanent institution. They made it what it continues to be a study club; true, its social life has been much enjoyed but that was incident and not the prime object of the organizers as is shown by the preamble of the constitution which reads.

### CONSTITUTION

We, the undersigned, feeling that home and society demand of the women of today, the broadest and fullest culture, and being well assured that our usefulness and enjoyment will be increased by such culture; believing also that the interchange of thought and unity of purpose will stimulate our mental growth, do hereby unite ourselves as a woman's club, for the sole purpose of study and mental improvement; and for the attainment of our purpose do adopt the following constitution:

This occasion has been celebrated in an appropriate manner since the organization. In these twenty-five years much pleasure has come, and much good been accomplished; but it has not been all sunshine, there have been many changes on the roll, familiar faces have passed away and voices wise in council have become silent. She who first presided sleeps.

It is our object to make this a happy occasion one of pleasure, one of congratulation in honor of the courageous thirteen and for them and on behalf of the club I bid you welcome tonight.

Two musical numbers then followed. The first, a piano solo by Miss Davis who rendered most effectively and with true interpretation, "Polish Dance" by Charwenka. The second was a ladies quartett composed of Misses DePew and Trover and Mrs. Ray Davis and Mrs. Schermerhorn, members of the Auburn Amateur Musical, who sang sweetly and with excellent poise and blending of voices "Greeting to Spring" by Greig.

Following these Mrs. Emanuel introduced Mrs. Laura Dainty Pelham of Hull House, Chicago who thoroughly entertained her audience the remainder of the evening. Mrs. Pelham was for a number of years an actress and took the leading role in heavy plays but more recently she has been engaged with Jane Addams in social settlement work at Hull House in the slum district of Chicago. Her training on the stage together with her extensive travel and broad experience with all classes and nationalities in the settlement work has given her an insight into human nature and as a clever dialect reader she showed her versatility and ability in the following selections: From Eugene Field,—"Voices of the Night," "Seeing Things at Night." From James Whitcomb Riley,—"Grigsby's Station," "Like Your Mother Used to Make," "Little Orphan Anna." From Paul Laurence Dunbar, the colored poet, "The Little Black Sheep," "Angelina Johnson." From unnamed authors, "Tin Soldiers," "A Model Sermon" on the text "Old Mother Hubbard went to the Cupboard, etc," "Shamus O'Brian."

Later in the evening Mrs. Pelham responded to requests and told several comical Irish and German stories. A social hour followed with refreshments consisting of ice cream, coffee, cake and mint candy.

The Ladies' Literary club is one of the most active organizations in the social and intellectual life of our city, and so old that it has its traditions and

a quarter century of history. Twenty-five years ago the first anniversary meeting was held in the same rooms where they met last evening and again thirteen years ago the ladies met at the same home. The original membership was composed of the following ladies; Mesdames J. A. Barns, Mary Ehlers, Nicholas Ensley, E. D. Hartman, A. S. Leas, W. H. McQuiston, Lottie Osgood, A. J. Ralston, Albert Robbins, James E. Rose, M. B. Willis, sr., C. O. Reed, W. P. Myers and Dr. Vesta M. Swarts. Of these, thirteen were active members and one honorary, and of this original number but five reside in Auburn now. The membership is now limited to thirty and is full with several on the waiting list. The present officers are as follows: President, Mrs. Welsheimer; vice president, Mrs. Emanuel; secretary, Mrs. Husselman; Treasurer, Mrs. Lewis, and critic, Miss McTighe.

## A Day's Outing

An event took place Wednesday which will never be forgotten by the Ladies' Literary Club of Auburn, an invitation having been extended to them by the Athena Club of Garrett to meet with them on that day. At the spacious home of Mrs. H. W. Mountz. They took the Interurban car at one thirty and arrived in Garrett at the usual time where they were met by a committee of club ladies and escorted to the place of meeting where they were as royally entertained as though they were queens or princesses.

The meeting was opened with a piano solo, followed by greeting by the president of the Athena Club; response by president of the L. L. C.; another solo and a song very sweetly rendered by ladies of the Athena Club; current events; solo; conversation on the topics our schools, parks in small towns, peace conference, "Shall Women Vote," "Will it be Teddy?" "Royal Babe of Spain," etc., were discussed, the clubs mixing up and discussing them together. It is needless to say these questions were settled so that our lawmakers need have no further trouble about them.

To relax the strain upon the mental system which the settling of these questions produced, a slip of paper was passed to each lady containing a few verses they were to learn to recite in companies of five or six. After separating a little while to practice they were called upon to recite each company being numbered. Talk of elocutionists—we challenge the United States and all Europe to produce anything like what was given us on this occasion. Parties having need of this kind of talent would do well to call and consult the Auburn and Garrett clubs.

A delicious two course menu was served. The favors were carnations. After expressing thanks to our hostess and other club ladies we wended our way to the station where a special car was waiting to bring us home.

A GUEST.



## CHARTER MEMBER DAY

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For the L. L. C. Held Saturday at  
Mrs. G. W. Lackey's.

On last Saturday afternoon at the spacious home of Mrs. G. W. Lackey occurred another one of those very enjoyable occasions for which this club has become noted. The afternoon was devoted to the charter members who furnished the chief part of the program. Each lady was allowed the privilege of an invited friend and the parlors consequently were filled.

The club was called to order at the proper time by the president Mrs. Nettie Eckhart who by the way has an excellent gift suitable to that office the capacity of discharging her duties in a direct and business-like way. After the usual opening formula of roll call and minutes the first paper was announced. This was a club history by Mrs. J. E. Rose, a charter member. Although this was necessarily a lengthy paper, covering faithfully as it did a checkered history of nearly twenty-four years, yet it was so interesting that none wearied of it. Especially was it enjoyed by old club members who saw the years of nearly a quarter of a century unroll and the past present itself with all its varied interests. Again the club responded to invitations from friends in Waterloo, Garrett, Kendallville, Angola, etc., and enjoyed in memory once more those days or evenings of social delights. Again entertained in return—held anniversaries—twenty-three of them in all on which occasions have been given almost every variety of suitable entertainment conceivable—again remodeled its constitution—touched the various studies—English literature, American literature, History, poetry, the drama and even "dabbled in politics" a little, keeping the hands clean however.

"In the beginning" on the 3rd of April, 1882, a dozen women met at the home of Mrs. A. S. Leas with the avowed object of organizing a ladies club. The idea was novel in those days. The preamble to the constitution states the purpose; we the undersigned feeling that home and society demand, etc., do hereby unite ourselves in a club for the sole purpose of study and mental improvement. To this purpose the club has tenaciously held although at times there have been some efforts made to divert its energy into other channels, good in themselves but not in keeping with the original purpose.

Following this paper was a beautiful piano solo by Miss Laura Rose, a daughter of the club.

The second paper of the afternoon was Club Prophecy by Mrs. A. J. Ralston who with the vision of the seer "dip into the future far as human eye could see" or at least a score of years and foretold good things to the club collectively and members individually, many of which we would be glad to see "come true." The new club house which is the joy and pride of the members has been dedicated and occupied for five years. The club now numbers fifty members and the work is divided into three departments; viz., that of education, of philanthropy and of civics. Certain ladies constitute the board of school trustees and by their intelligent direction the public schools have attained to a high standard. The paper was very happy in its personal hits, done in all kindness. Optimistic throughout, the writer, exercising a "judicial blindness," ignored Father Time and his sickle keen.

The last paper "In Memoriam" which was a loving tribute to lost members was given by Mrs. J. A. Barns. This paper was full of touching memories of the dear departed. During the twenty-four years of this club's existence, there have been removed by death six members.

Can storied urn or animated bust  
Back to its mansion call the fleeting  
breath?

Can honor's voice provoke the silent  
dust

Or flattery sooth the dull, cold ear of  
death?

"We would not if we could call  
them back to the physical eye, but in  
our hearts we may enshrine them,  
when we will call to mind each dear  
face"

Tears filled many eyes as the writer  
spoke in sisterly love and tenderness  
of those who once associated with the  
club now rest from their labors.

After the program light but delicious refreshments were served and then a short time was devoted to social enjoyment.

Altogether this was one of the club's most enjoyable and happy afternoons full as it was of kind and loving thoughts, sweet words and tender memories.

## LITERARY CLUBS HOLD INTERESTING MEETINGS.

Nov. 17 - 1906  
AUBURN, Ind., Nov. 13.—The Ladies' Literary club held a very enjoyable session Saturday afternoon at the home of Miss Lillie McTighe, with Mrs. William McIntyre. It was guest day, and the members and their guests numbered about sixty. An interesting program was carried out, as follows: Subject, "The Man of the Hour."

Scholars .....	Mrs. McCord
Statesmen .....	Mrs. Jackman
Philanthropists .....	Mrs. Spratt
Inventors .....	Miss McTighe
Capitalists .....	Mrs. Mollie Rose

These were five-minute papers, and were followed by a summary, "Which is Doing the Most Good in the World?" by Mrs. C. E. Emanuel.

Mrs. Jane Hine, an honorary member, who resides in Sedan, gave an original poem, entitled "The Little Brown Thrush." Miss Edna Davis gave a fine piano solo. A social hour followed, during which time a delicious lunch was served. The club adjourned to meet next Saturday with Mrs. Emanuel.

Culture Club Meets.

## Ladies Literary Club.

Oct. 25 - 1905  
The L. L. C. met at the home of Miss McTighe on October 21. The meeting was of more than usual interest, as the returned delegates to the Federation of Women's Clubs at Vincennes, gave their report, which was very interesting on account of the many historical places they visited and their clear and concise manner of presenting it to the club. Miss Edna Davis gave a book review, "Alice of old Vincennes," which was a great surprise, as it was given in rhyme in such a pleasing manner that, contrary to club rules, was warmly applauded. Why she kept her poetical talent hid so long from mortal eyes, is a mystery. It may be she wished to verify the poet's statement that,  
"Full many a gem of purest ray serene"

The dark unfathomed caves of  
ocean bear;

Full many a flower is born to blush  
unseen

And shed its fragrance on the desert  
air."

Mrs. Spratt gave a paper, "State Board of Charities," which was very instructive, showing that she had given much time and thought in preparation. Club ladies will please remember they are to meet with Miss McTighe on Saturday next.



## L. L. C. LAST MEETING

### The Club Closes a Year of Successful Work.

The closing meeting of the L. L. C. was held last Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Priscilla Zimmerman with a large number of members in attendance. The reports of the officers were given and accepted by the club. Miss Nellie Buckley's resignation was accepted and she was made an honorary member. Mrs. Nellie Swarts' name was brought forward from the waiting list and will be voted upon at the next regular meeting.

The election of officers then took place which resulted in the following named ladies being elected. Pres., Mrs. Abby Sprott; Vice Pres., Mrs. Sadie Myers; Sec., Mrs. Nettie Eckhart; Treasurer, Mrs. Alice Lewis; Critic, Mrs. Cora Lodewick.

An excellent paper was given by Mrs. Myers, entitled, "The Benefits Derived from our Year's Work." In closing this report of the meeting nothing better or more appropriate could be said than the closing sentence of Mrs. Myers' paper, from which I quote.

"In summarizing the work of the year, I believe, I voice the sentiments of the club, when I say that our last year's work has been intensely interesting as well as being highly instructive and enjoyable. I feel that we may congratulate ourselves upon the efforts made by individual members to promote the club's good, and also upon the universal feeling of good will pervading the L. L. C. members."

The papers have displayed marked thought and research. In conclusion I would say "finis coronat opus."

The year's work is ended. We feel grateful to our corps of faithful officers, who so ably administered the affairs of the club, and trust that the beginning of next year's work will find each member at her post, ready to do what she can. As regards our last year's work I feel as the poet Thomas Moore, when he says:

"Let fate do her worst, there are relics of joy.

Bright dreams of the past, she cannot destroy,

They come in the night trail of sorrow and care.

And bring back the features that joy used to wear.

Long, long be our hearts with such memories filled,

Like a vase in which roses have once been distilled,

You may break, you may shatter the vase if you will,

But the scent of the roses will hang round it still."

## THEIR 21ST ANNUAL

### The Ladies' Literary Club Entertains Many Guests.

Tuesday evening, April 14, was the time for the regular annual meeting of the L. L. C. for which they always issue invitations to a number of friends.

On this occasion the meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Eckhart, at which place they had so often met during the life time of Mrs. Eckhart's mother, the late Mrs. M. B. Willis, who had always been an active and interested member.

On this occasion their 21st annual, there were present of the members and guests, a total of 84.

Mr. Eckhart received the guests at the hall door, and on their return from upstairs they were met by the receiving line, Mrs. Eckhart, the hostess, Mrs. Lackey the president and the ex-president.

When all were seated, the literary program began, which was a play called "Shades of Shakespeare's Women."

The first character was "Ariel" the fairy in the "Tempest" sweetly represented by Miss Nellie Frank. She was soon joined by Miranda of the same play, Mrs. Mollie Rose, who so fitly took that part.

Next came Mrs. Dr. Graham as Portia in the Merchant of Venice, looking and acting this interesting part to perfection.

Then came Miss Edna Davis, as Desdemona, from Othello, which was finely done.

Mrs. Dr. Nusbaum took the part of Cordelia in King Lear, in a natural and affecting manner.

Miss Mae Rose, was Juliet in the play Romeo and Juliet and did that popular part to perfection.

Katherine, from "Taming the Shrew," was admirably given by Mrs. T. H. Sprott.

Ophelia, from Hamlet was admirably given by Mrs. Mabel Hodge, making this well known part especially affecting.

Mrs. E. A. Myers had the difficult part of Lady MacBeth and showed a high order of talent in its rendition. The accompanying witches, Laura Rose, Floride Lackey and Pearl Sprott, carried out their weird part very naturally. All was under the able management of Mrs. D. A. Hodge.

For all the music given with these, Mrs. Garwood was at the piano, with her usual grace and ability.

A lovely luncheon in two courses, followed, the waiters being daughters of the Club. They were Floride Lackey, Laura Rose, Flossie Leasure, Pearl Sprott, Geraldine Nusbaum and Maybelle Lodewick. No more graceful waiters could have been found,

Of the guests from other places we note, were Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Willis, Mrs. W. F. C. Francis, Mrs. Art Sinclair, and Delia Kiplinger of Waterloo; Mrs. W. S. Best and daughters Katherine and Lillian from Minneapolis; Mrs. Lottie Cochran and her daughter Mrs. Mary Rasmussen of Tucson, Arizona, and Mrs. W. C. Hartman of Detroit.

During the luncheon there were two addresses, by members. One by Dr. Vesta Swarts "The City and Citizens" and one by Dr. Lida Leasure, which she spoke of as an "Apology," but we think it needed none. Both addresses were witty and very able. The Wilcox Orchestra furnished music, which was, needless to say, excellent.

Altogether this annual meeting like all its predecessors, was a highly enjoyable one and the play, the tableaux, and participants, were heartily applauded all through the performance,

## THE FIRST OF THREE

### Entertainments Was Held for Club Ladies Tuesday Evening.—It Was a Pleasant Social Function.

Tuesday evening at the home of Dr. Willard Swarts on east Sixth street was held the first of a series of receptions planned for the members of the ladies' clubs of Auburn by Dr. Vesta Swarts and Mrs. Willard W. Swarts. The oldest club in point of years of organization—the "L. L. C."—was chosen as the first on the list and the hostesses were assisted in entertaining by Mrs. Swineford, Mrs. G. W. Lackey and Mrs. Dr. Nusbaum.

The early part of the evening was devoted to a literary and musical program which was participated in by Mesdames T. H. Sprott, E. A. Myers, D. A. Hodge, E. L. Robbins, W. E. Eckhart and Frank Eckhart and other members of the club.

Then followed the banquet at the Hotel Hadernmann, where forty-eight plates were laid and a splendid supper served. The service was all that could be desired, and between the courses Mrs. J. H. Rose, the toast-mistress, brought out responses from Mrs. Sprott, Mrs. J. A. Barns, Mrs. George V. Schaab and Dr. Lida Leasure. The favors for the guests were carnations.

The banquet over the guests returned to the Swarts home for a short social visit and were then conveyed to their homes in carriages. It was a social function fully enjoyed by all in attendance, and later in the season the same hostesses will entertain the Culture and Reading clubs.

That the members will be given an illustration of liberal hospitality goes without saying.



Celebrate the Twenty-Second Anniversary of the Organization.

ONE HUNDRED EIGHT PRESENT

Appetizing Banquet Served.—Toasts Responded to and Other Amusements.

## FIRST GUEST DAY

Of the Ladies' Literary Club Celebrated Saturday Afternoon.

Nov 18 - 1905

The first guest day of the club year for the Ladies' Literary Club occurred Saturday afternoon and the home of Mrs. F. P. Seiler, on north Jackson street, was thrown open for the occasion. Each member of the club was privileged to invite one guest, and nearly all of the members were present, as were also their guests; the weather man, seemingly in hearty accord with the spirit of the occasion, did well his part, the enchantment outside being excelled only by the bright, happy faces within.

At 2:15 the meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Nettie Eckhart, and, after the usual routine of business was transacted, the lesson of the day was taken up. In the absence of Mrs. Willard Swarts, Miss Lilly McTighe acted as leader, and right well she did her part too. Not only did she interest, and enthuse the members, but the guest also proved as interesting listeners as the members.

At the conclusion of the lesson Mrs. Rose Husseiman read a very interesting paper on "The Ideal and Practical Organization of a Home," followed by a nicely executed piano solo by Miss Edna Davis. The president then announced the round table talk, in which both members and guests were invited to participate, the subject being "Are People made Better by Having More Wants?" with Mrs. Baxter as leader. Dainty refreshments, consisting of ice cream, wafers and stuffed dates, were served and while those present proceeded to satisfy the "wants" of the inner self, the discussion began. Mrs. Baxter very ably led in the work, and many good thoughts were presented and discussed. This closed the program for the day, a brief social session following.

The members of this club are to be commended for the excellency of the work, and if this day's proceedings may be taken as a criterion, it goes without saying that a great deal of real practical good may be gained by being a member of the L. L. C.

## Ladies Literary Club.

October 14, 1905, will ever be a memorable day in the history of the L. L. C.; not because of anything they did out of the ordinary course, but on account of the very cordial invitation extended to them by T. C. Ford to meet with him in his pleasant home on north Main street, and the delightful way in which they were entertained by him. The uniqueness of it all may sometime or somewhere be equaled but never excelled.

At the appointed hour the guests began to arrive and were met at the door of the reception room by a gentleman dressed in a style befitting the occasion, who in a verveasy and graceful manner escorted them to the room in which they were to lay aside their wraps, and in manner, if not in words bade them welcome to his home, the arrangement of which was as perfect as the most fastidious woman could have desired. At the usual time the meeting was called to order and program for the day carried out to its adjournment, when another surprise greater than the first awaited them the host appearing very suddenly at the door in the rear of the reception room (to which he had previously very mysteriously disappeared) and requesting them not to be in a hurry as he had a little speech to make but would have to use notes, which he had left in the dining room—would go and bring them in. He was not able to find them however, but as a substitute served us with delicious ice cream and cake, angels food and the other kind so unlike in name but very delicious.

Next year's program will have this topic, "Men as Entertainers; are They a Success?" And if the one to whom it is assigned voices the sentiments of the club she will emphatically assert they are. Who will be the next to follow Mr. Ford's example? Don't invite them for next Saturday, as they are to meet with Miss Shutt on west Seventh street.

Last evening the elegant rooms of Castle Hall, K. of P., was the scene of a most brilliant gathering. It was the occasion of the twenty-second anniversary of the organization of the Ladies' Literary Club of Auburn and its members and a large number of invited guests gathered together to do homage to the event.

To the strains of music furnished by the Wilcox orchestra the large company marched into the spacious dining room to partake of the elegant banquet prepared and served by the Rathbone Sisters. These ladies have an enviable reputation for the serving of banquets for like occasions and their efforts of last evening were up to the usual standard. Music was also listened to during the partaking of the banquet.

At the conclusion of the banquet the president of the club, Mrs. Abby Sprott, gave a very entertaining paper on "Club Influence on the Home," and concluded by introducing Mayor T. H. Sprott, who responded very appropriately to the toast "Club Influence on Municipal Affairs." "The Woman's Club Thro' Masculine Eyes" was then described by F. L. Welshmer and "Our Fair Hostesses" was ably discussed by F. P. Seiler. The toasts were all very timely and each one gave theirs in a manner most creditable to themselves and the close attention paid by the listeners evidenced the interest they evoked.

The company was then invited to the hall room proper to witness the deliberations of the first woman's jury of the land, styled "A Gentle Jury." This was one of the most pleasing features of the evening and those taking part in the play did themselves proud. Space will not permit the mentioning of each one separately but it is not too much to say that all did their parts perfectly. This furnished no little amusement for the on lookers and it may be said that this jury—woman-like—failed to agree, hence no verdict.

A happy social hour followed and the occasion long to be remembered by those present came to a close.

Much credit is due the able president, Mrs. Sprott, and her efficient committee, composed of Mesdames Cora Lodewick, Mino Seiler and Rose Husseiman for so successfully planning and carrying out so enjoyable an evening. Several out-of-town guests were present among them being Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Marks of Waterloo and Mr. Jackson of Ann



OCTOBER 22, 1901.

## STATE FEDERATION WOMEN'S CLUBS

Will Meet in the First M.  
E. Church—Auburn,  
October 23.

We publish in full the program of the meeting this week, on Wednesday Thursday and Friday.

### Programme.

Wednesday, October 23.

3:30 p. m. Directors meeting.

8:00 p. m. Reception tendered to all officers, speakers, delegates, alternates and club visitors, at the home of Dr and Mrs I. O. Buchtel.

Thursday a. m. October 24.

8:30 to 9:30 Presentation of credentials and registration. Credential committee will be in parlor of the church.

9:30 Federation called to order.

Invocation, Mrs Mary Ehlers  
Organ Solo Miss Flora L. Hoffman  
Addresses of Welcome Mayor Don A. Garwood, Mrs Rose E. Husselman, president of Ladies' Literary Club.

Response, Miss Minnetta T. Taylor, Second Vice-president, I. F. W. C.

President's Address, Mrs Rose E. Husselman.

President's address, Mrs Jane Mc. M. Smith of South Bend.

Reports, Recording Secretary, Mrs C. H. Wood; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs E. G. Kettering; Treasurer, Mrs Allica H. Barns.

Roll call of clubs

Three minute reports from representatives of Constituent Clubs.

Thursday Afternoon.

2:00 Program by Federation Departments.

Organ Solo Miss Flora L. Hoffman  
Greetings from educational guests.

### Educational

Report—Chairman, Mrs Virginia S. Patterson, Monday club, Kokomo.

Address—Manual Training in the Public Schools, Mrs J. G. Carter, Woman's club, Muncie.

### Reciprocity

Report—Chairman, Mrs. Alice N. Mummert, Beacon Lights club, Goshen.

Address—The Making of Club Programs and Reciprocity, Mrs Charles Millsbaugh, Chairman Reciprocity, Illinois Fed., Chicago.

### Philanthropic

Report—Chairman, Mrs C. C. Shafer, Auburn Culture Club.

Address—Philanthropy Among Club Women, Mrs C. B. Jones, Garrett,

Thursday Evening

8:30 Musicale.

Vocal Solo, Mrs Maude Robbins

Piano Solo, Mrs Flora Jones

Vocal Solo, Miss Anne Listenberg

Lecture—Tolstoi, Miss Jane Adams, Hull House, Chicago.

Friday a. m. October 25

9:30 Federation business.

Election of officers.

Election of delegates to California Biennial.

Reports of committees, on program, credential, auditing, revision of by-laws, resolutions, and time and place of meeting 1902.

Three minute suggestions on new line of work—

"What can we do for Indiana?"

by individual clubs.

12:30—Luncheon—The Hostess clubs.

Friday Afternoon

2:00 Musicale.

Vocal Solo Miss Maud Trover

Piano Solo Mrs D. A. Garwood

Vocal Solo Miss Nellie Frank

Address—Art in School-room, Miss Caroline McCulloch, Art League, Muncie.

Address—Indiana Laws Affecting Women, State's Attorney George E. Clarke, South Bend.

Friday Evening

8:00 o'clock.

Violin Solo (Mazurka - De Concert, by Ovide Musin) Dr I. O. Buchtel, accompanied by Mrs D. A. Garwood

Lecture—The Birth of the Consumer's Conscience, Mrs Ellen M. Henrotin Chicago, Honorary President Gen. F. W. C.

A Sketch in White and Black—Kiple and Dunbar, Mrs May Donally Kelso, director of the Kelso School of Musical and Dramatic Art, Chicago

Kipling songs, Miss Anne Listenberg, South Bend.

## THE RECIPROCITY MEETING.

One of the most pleasant social events of the season was given by the Ladies' Literary Club of this city Saturday at the commodious home of Mrs. J. L. Davis and her daughter Miss Edna. The occasion of the meeting was to hold a "Reciprocity Day" session and incidentally to celebrate Washington's birthday.

The club had invited all the literary clubs of the city as guests and also invited them to have a part in the program.

A little after two o'clock the spacious rooms of Mrs Davis' home were filled with pleased and happy guests, who were admiring the decorations of the rooms, which had been tastefully done by the committee, by means of flowers and also flags of different sizes, and they did not forget the traditional cherry tree.

Mrs. Husselman as president of the hostess club called the meeting to order and gave an excellent paper on the subject of "Reciprocity," bringing before the guests the ideal of literary reciprocity, that by an interchange of thought and a closer knowledge of the purpose of each organization much could be done to help each other, and

closer together and incidentally all could work together for the good of humanity and our own little city. A fine piano solo was given by Miss Davis of the L. L. C. and it was heartily enjoyed by the guests. Mrs. Griswold of the Culture Club gave an interesting paper entitled "The Plea of a Faithful Friend," which was supposed to be the plea of a horse to its mistress for the lowering of the torturing check rein. This was a fine paper and touched the hearts of all present and many were heard to say, "How I wish every man and boy could hear it!" A vocal solo was then given by Mrs. Maud Robbins of the L. L. C. which was, as is usual when Mrs Robbins sings, heartily enjoyed. A paper was then read by Mrs. J. E. Rose which was selected from a number of papers which had been sent to the reciprocity bureau of which Mrs. C. C. Shaffer is chairman.

The subject was "Plato Phraedo" A review of the story of the 'Redemption of David Corson' was given by Mrs. Garwood of the Reading Club and was most carefully prepared. The story was given so smoothly that if no one had ever read it they could have gleaned the best of it from her presentation of it while those who had read it certainly did not miss any of the elements of the book, so fully and yet so concisely did Mrs. Garwood give this story. She was listened to with closest attention and heartily applauded. The last number was given by the Amateur Musicale Club. A quartet by Mrs. Rose Shull, Mrs. Cuppy, Mrs. Lola Johnson, and Miss Lois Metzger. This proved to be one of the gems and a fitting finale to this brilliant literary and musical program.

The ladies were applauded and an encore was called for, which took them by surprise as they were not prepared, but they very gracefully consented to repeat the last verse of the song which was entitled "The One That I Love Dearly". The guests were asked to stay for a social time. Refreshments were then served which consisted of ice cream and a cherry, with fancy cake in the shape of hatchets; this was a novelty and gave rise to much merriment. The programs, which were presented to the guests by Miss Florida Lackey, were fine portraits of Washington with the afternoon's program written on the back and made a pretty souvenir for the occasion. The success of the affair was due in a large measure to the special committee consisting of Mrs. Lackey, Mrs. Myers and Mrs. Burrows who had the afternoon in charge. They were ably assisted by the following sub-committees: On decoration Miss Davis, Mrs. Welsheimer and Mrs. Mollie Rose. On refreshments Mrs. Barns, Mrs. Schaab and Mrs. McCord. On reception, Mrs. Emanuel, Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Sprout.

The Ladies' Literary Club in its twenty years of existence has given many pleasant social events to its friends, but the guests of the "Reciprocity Day" unite in saying it was the most delightful event ever given by this popular club.

and, coming to the word "coroner," asked to have its meaning explained



## RECIPROCITY RECEPTION

The Auburn Literary Club Ladies Give  
a Notable and Charming Event.

AUBURN, Ind., Feb. 23.—One of the most notable and charming social events in Auburn society was given this afternoon by the Ladies' Literary club, the oldest woman's club in the county, and one of the oldest in the state, having nearly reached the quarter century mark. The guests were the members of the four literary clubs and the musical club of the city. The clubs represented were the Culture club, the Entre Nous club, the Reading club, the Thursday Evening club and the Amateur Musical club, numbering over one hundred guests. The reception was held in the beautiful and spacious home of Mr. and Mrs. John Leasure on West Seventh street. The guests were received at the door by Miss Flossie Leasure, the daughter of the house. The reception committee in the upper hall were Mrs. Seiler and Miss Edna Davis. Those in the lower hall were Mrs. J. E. Rose and Mrs. Rose Husselman. As the guests were ushered into the parlor they were greeted by the hostess, Dr. Lida Leasure; the president, Mrs. Welshelmer, and the vice-president, Mrs. Ida Emanuel. After the guests had all arrived the president of the hostess' club, Mrs. Welshelmer, called the assembly to order. Miss Edna Davis gave a fine piano solo, after which the president gave a short but charming welcome address in which she gave a pleasant prophecy of what might happen in our beautiful little city if the many clubs were thoroughly organized for effective work along civic lines. The clubs had been asked to furnish the literary and musical part of the program, and each club responded in a very gracious manner. Mrs. Rhoades, of the Entre Nous club, gave a fine review of Shakespeare's "Tempest," and she held her audience with great interest. Miss Katie Kiblinger followed with a charming piano solo which everyone enjoyed.

Mrs. Jones, of the Culture club, read in a sweet, clear voice that literary gem, "Bitter Sweet," and fascinated her hearers to the close. Following this came the reading of one of George Ade's fables, "What Happened When the Woman's Club Entertained the Men." This was read by Mrs. Morris Eckhart, of the Ladies' Reading club, and gave just the touch of humor needed to the program and was particularly appropriate for the occasion. This was followed by an excellent paper by Miss Grace Marian Smith, of the Thursday Evening club, entitled "Some Tendencies in Current Literature," which was warmly applauded by her hearers as were all the other numbers on the program.

Mrs. Ray Davis, of the Amateur Musical club, charmed and pleased her audience by a beautiful vocal solo. Mrs. George Schaab, chairman of the committee on arrangements, and her assistants then took charge of the guests and everything was done to assist them in having an enjoyable time. They were escorted to the dining-room where they were served with ice cream in the form of yellow roses, the club flower, and lady fingers. Presiding at the table were Mrs. McCord and Miss Lilly McLight. They were assisted by Mrs. Mabel Hodge, Mrs. Manie Seiler, Mrs. Mollie Rose and Miss Nellie Buckley. At the table where coffee was poured were Mrs.

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## THE L. L. C.

Mrs. C. R. Emanuel was hostess for a most enjoyable social event on last Saturday afternoon. The occasion was the entertainment of the members of the Ladies Literary Club and a number of their friends for a literary and social time. The regular program for the afternoon was carried out, the lesson subject being of special interest to ladies, "Domestic Service." The leader Mrs. Maud Robbins opened the discussion with an excellently prepared paper, which was followed by a number of talks and readings by many of the members. A charming paper on "Household Fun" was given by Miss Mae Rose, full of excellent ideas for the entertainment of the children in the home.

Mrs. Seiler, had for the subject of a fine paper "Manual Training for Our Girls." The subject was treated in a bright and happy way, beside being very helpful and practical. At the close of the program a social hour was enjoyed by members and guests which was followed by a delicious luncheon in three courses, and every one present voted Mrs. Emanuel a charming hostess and adept in the culinary line. She was assisted in serving, by her son George, Mrs. Nusbaum, Mrs. Mabel Hodge and Miss Edna Davis. Thus another red letter day in the history of the L. L. C. is to be added to a long list of others that have gone before.

Callie Zimmermann and Mrs. Lina Baxter, assisted by Mrs. Dr. Graham and Mrs. Dr. Willard Swarts. Both tables were decorated with yellow jonquils, these with their foliage carrying out the club colors. The gathering was noticeable for its lack of formality and the bright animated faces and the beautiful gowns of the ladies made a most pleasing picture. It was a gala day indeed for the club ladies of Auburn, and one long to be remembered by those fortunate enough to be present.



## 1903 SOCIAL EVENT

One Of The Finest Ever Given  
Our City.

Dr. Vesta Swarts and Mrs. Dr. Willard Swarts, were hostesses at a charming as well as a brilliant social evening held at the home of the latter last evening. The meeting was in honor of members of the Ladies Literary Club and their friends, numbering nearly fifty. That the invitation was greatly appreciated is shown by the fact that only three out of the large number were absent; one on account of illness and two were out of the city.

The President of the L. L. C. I. Sprott, presided with dignity and ease and the members furnished the musical and literary part of the program. Maud Robbins, in her usual charming manner gave three fine vocal selections. Mrs. Mabel Hodge, gave a humorous recitation, a monologue entitled "Midnight and Mornin'". With her well known ability as a leader every one may be assured that the guests were given a fine treat.

Mrs. Myers gave an excellent paper on "Methods of Modern Education" which she told some wholesome truths in her clear and able style. Mrs. W. Eckhart and Mrs. Frank Eckhart gave a brilliant and pleasing instrumental duet, which was enjoyed by every one present. Following this program was a social half hour, after which all repaired to Hademan's restaurant where a sumptuous repast had been prepared. The banquet was served in five courses and was excellent in quality and perfectly served in all the dainty details.

At the close of the banquet, the toast mistress, Mrs. James H. Rose, took charge of the meeting, and in a few pleasant and appropriate words introduced the speakers. Mrs. Sprott, responded ably to the toast, "The absent ones, Our Husbands." Her remarks were not all as laudatory, as one might have expected from the speaker but her conclusions were satisfactory, as she declared we could not get along without them. To Mrs. Barns was given the pleasant theme "The Present ones Ourselves." This sentiment gave her an opportunity to give each member a bit of personal attention by way of raillery on some real or fancied fad or trait of character. These were good naturedly received and seemingly enjoyed. Mrs. Schaab responded humorously to the sentiment "Wrinkles." Those who know of Mrs. Schaab's ability in that line, need no assurance that it was greatly appreciated.

The closing toast "Our hostesses" was given by Dr. Lida Leasure in her usual elegant and competent way. The skillful and pleasing manner in which she led up to the closing sentences asking the guests to rise and drink with her in clear, cold water a toast to the hostesses of the evening Dr. Vesta Swarts and Mrs. Willard Swarts, was heartily appreciated, and all gladly joined in her request. This closed one of the most pleasant and enjoyable events

of the year, and we learn is only the first of a series of charming social events planned by these ladies to be given to their friends in the near future.

The guests returned to the home of Mrs. Willard Swarts, where carriages were provided to convey them to their homes, thus rounding out gracefully a very pleasant and happy evening.



Reciprocity Day

February 22<sup>d</sup> 1907

Programme

1. Piano Solo Alice Ascher.  
Ladies Literary Club Miss Davis.
2. Paper Ladies Literary Club Reciprocity  
Mrs. Husslerman
3. Paper The Plea of a Faithful Friend.  
Auburn Culture Club. Mrs. Griswold.
4. Vocal Solo. Selected.  
Ladies Literary Club Mrs. Robbins.
5. Paper from the Reciprocity Bureau.  
Ladies Literary Club. Mrs. Rose.
6. Book Review. Redemption of David Gorton. Goss.  
The Reading Club Mrs. Garwood.
7. Quartette. Swiss Folk Songs.  
"There's One That I Love Dearly;" Kucken-Harley.  
Auburn Amateur Musicals  
Mrs. Shull Mrs. Cuddy.  
Mrs. Johnson. Miss Moore.



April 19, 1902

## THE L. L. C. ANNUAL

The Twentieth anniversary of the Ladies' Literary Club of Auburn was celebrated last evening, April 1, by one of the most delightful of all their delightful reunions. The place of meeting was at the elegant residence of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Robbins and as is always the case, there was a full attendance of members and guests. No one cares to be absent.

At 6:30 the assembly had met and were seated at the tables for the usual anniversary dinner. This was in three courses and in point of excellence and good taste was in line with its predecessors—all notably fine banquets.

When the tables were cleared, came the lighting of the twenty candles on the birthday cake. There were twenty candles in club colors of green and yellow, and were placed in the birthday cake. The lighting was done by the president, Mrs. Rosa Husselman. It was quite dramatic and appropriate.

Miss Edna Davis then rendered a sweet solo on the piano and this was followed by an amusing contest in guessing. The first was a trip around the world. The various countries and points of interest were to be guessed from objects displayed in the room. C. E. Emanuel got a prize for the lowest guess and Miss Laura Rose for the highest.

Following this was a musical contest, Mrs. Jessie Hanna played various airs and the guests were given a chance to name them.

Then came the ceremony of cutting the birthday cake. This was done by the three still active charter members, Mrs. J. E. Rose, Mrs. Ralston and Mrs. Barns, assisted by Dr. Vesta Swarts who is an honorary charter member. These were the only ones present of the original thirteen who held the first meeting and organized the club twenty years ago.

Altogether the meeting was one of even more than usual interest and enjoyment.

A feature of the evening was the quaint costumes of Miss McTigue who represented "Folly," with cap and bells and Mrs. Nettie Eckhart and Mrs. Mabel Hodge and Mrs. Mollie Rose who were dressed as the "King's jesters." For "All Fool's Day" they were a very appropriately costumed reception committee.

Among the guests out of the city, were Dr. and Mrs. Willard Swarts, of Poe, Ind., Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Collett, of St. Marys Ohio, G. W. Lewis of Hicksville, Mrs. W. C. Hartman of Wabash, Ind., and Mrs. Art Sinclair of Waterloo.

20th L. C. Anniversary, 1902

One of the most pleasant social events held in the city for some time was the anniversary meeting of the Ladies' Literary Club, last evening, at the home of Mrs. Ed Robbins on Van Buren street.

An elegant supper of three courses was served at 6:30, to the members and about sixty guests. The first course consisted of bread and butter sandwiches, pressed chicken, potato chips, olives, pickles and coffee; second course, egg salad, pea patties, sandwiches and jelly; third course, ice cream, devil's food cake, meringues and fancy candies.

After supper some time was spent in guessing contests. The first was to guess names of cities from objects and the second was guessing the names of familiar pieces of music as they were played by Mrs. Jessie Hanna; in this Miss Laura Rose won the prize and C. E. Emanuel receiving the booby prize. A few music and selections were then enjoyed, Mrs. Ed Robbins rendering a beautiful vocal solo, Miss Edna Davis and Mrs. D. A. Garwood each rendered a fine piano solo. One of the features of the evening was the lighting of the candles on the club's birthday cake which was a pyramid in shape, with twenty yellow and green, the club colors) candles. As they burned out the four charter members, Messrs. A. J. Ralston, J. E. Rose, J. A. Barns and Dr. Vesta Swarts, cut the cake, and placing it in boxes presented a piece to each person present. At 10:30 all repaired to their homes voting it one of the most enjoyable club meetings they have had.

Despatch

### Ladies Literary Club, 1902

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### L. L. C. Entertains.

February 22 is always a day to be remembered, but the ladies of the Auburn Culture Club, the Amateur Musicale and the Wednesday Reading Club will always have pleasant memories of Washington's birthday of 1902.

The members of the Ladies' Literary Club entertained the members of the clubs mentioned at the home of Miss Edna Davis last Saturday. The rooms were very beautifully and artistically decorated with flags, the programs being written on sheets with Washington's picture on one side. The program, each number of which was exceptionally fine, was:

Piano solo—"Alice"—Miss Davis, Ladies' Literary Club.  
Paper—"Reciprocity"—Mrs. Husselman, Ladies' Literary Club.  
Paper—"The Plea of a Faithful Friend"—Mrs. Griswold, Auburn Culture Club.

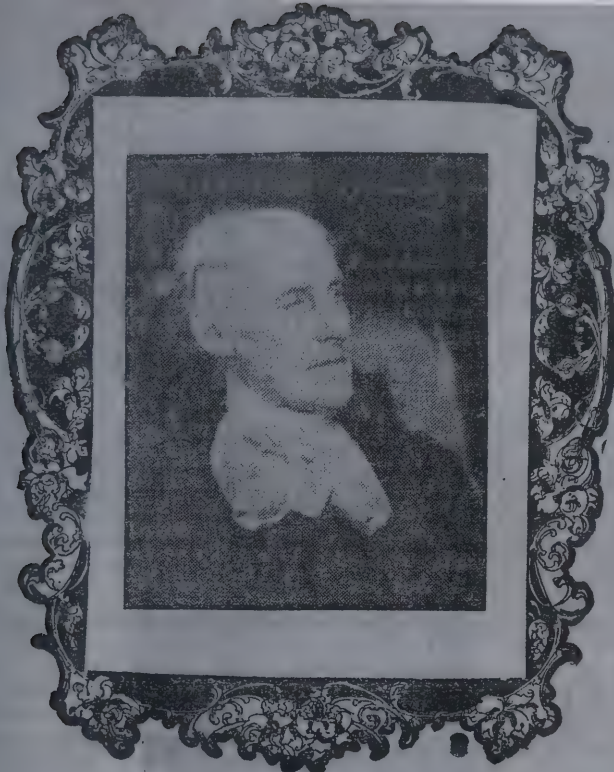
Vocal solo—Selected—Mrs. Robbins, Ladies' Literary Club.  
Paper from the Reciprocity Bureau—Mrs. Rose, Ladies' Literary Club.  
Book Review—"Redemption of David Carson"—Mrs. Garwood, Reading Club.

Quartette—Swiss Folk Song, "There's One that I Love Dearly"—Messdames Shull, Cuppy and Johnson and Miss Metzger, Amateur Musicale.

After the program refreshments consisting of ice cream and fancy cakes in the form of hatchets were served. Another feature of the decorations was a cherry tree with hatchets, which were very pretty. In all it was one of the most pleasant club events of the season.

Decorated





## The Faithful Friend of the Birds---Her Life's Study

ON APRIL 2nd, 1912, MRS. JANE L. HINE REACHES THE 81st MILE-

### STONE OF HER JOURNEY THROUGH THIS LIFE

Mrs. Jane L. Hine, one of the old settlers of DeKalb county, will celebrate her eighty-first birthday on Tuesday, April 2nd. There is no better known woman in DeKalb county—in fact, she is of national prominence.

She moved to Sedan with her husband in 1860, and with the exception of about ten years, when they lived in Edon, Ohio, she has been a resident of the county.

Mrs. Hine has become noteworthy on account of her study of birds. She has always been a student of nature, and when her family had been reared to the place and point when she could devote her energies to her favorite theme—birds—she has given herself religiously to the study of the habit and customs of the winged and feathered flying animals. Her articles and poems on the many and varied birds are regarded as classics. Thirty-five years of her life has been spent in the close and applied study of the bird and its surroundings. Both short and long articles and poems from her pen have been used by innumerable papers

and included in text books and state records as authority on natural science. She has been called upon by both state and nation for ornithological reports and any data required in state and government records as pertaining to northern Indiana are always referred to her and her approval is frequently sought on matters concerning birds.

Thus one can appreciate her valuable experience and the reliance placed upon her knowledge. One can safely say she is the last word on that branch of zoology that pertains to the natural history of birds and their classification.

'Twas but last summer she made a collection of short descriptive articles of the birds of "Our Farm," which State Commissioner of Fish and Game George Miles included in his annual report. Those who were present in Auburn at the laying of the corner stone of DeKalb county's new court house will remember that an advance copy of her article was furnished especially by the state to be placed among the souvenirs and relics in the corner stone.

Mrs. Hine, during the passing winter, has been writing a series or collection of articles on "Water Birds." Another production of the winter months was a poem entitled "One Shell," which she recited from memory at one of her home societies:

One Shell,  
What is one tiny shell  
Brought adrift on the shore  
To the great bed of marl  
It is one shell more.  
Let the waves bring the shells  
If but one at a time  
For each is an atom of purest lime.

What is one grain of sand  
Washed ashore by the sea?  
Were there no single grains  
Could the sands then be?

Let the waves bring the grains  
One by one to the strand;  
Ne'er granules too many  
Of clean, pure sand.

What is one single leaf  
To a forest of trees?  
Or a daisy's perfume  
To a wafting breeze?  
What is one blade of grass?  
Or a globule of dew?  
Ne'er units too many  
Of things good and true.

What am I among men?  
Just an atom, one soul;  
But an atom of yeast  
May quicken the whole.  
Then let my heart be free  
From all selfish alloy,  
Alive with the heaven  
Of Love, Peace and Joy.

Her wonderful rendition of her many compositions from memory has fairly startled her hearers in times past, some quite lengthy and of deepest meaning. Auburn clubs have been favored many times by her readings and her wonderful memory and the thoroughness of her subjects' preparation have been revelations and a treat.

What a wonderful mind, how beautiful it is to know of the lives of the little messengers of the air as on their flight they bring and take the seasons, add a fervor and thrill to sight and soul, and add so materially to the shifting of life's scenes. To winter has seemed long and cold to Mrs. Hine, for she has been with the birds—she has the of them as companions in the of her study. There is no through the frosted pane upon panse of snow and a seemingness and desolation for her winter's dreary season—she birds to think of, to watch for—ever thinking of them and with food for them so usual and accustomed places, conversation with the Courier content at Sedan, the statement

"The winter has been a one and as she sits in her thinks of her birds and has corn placed where they can always find it. She misses the arrival of the early spring birds. Once or twice a robin has hopped around in front of her windows, but even the robins do not stay. She has not been able to go anywhere this winter, yet she has been cheerful and

happy. She has received many descriptive letters and numerous postcards, and these, with her callers, have relieved the monotony of the long winter." Congratulations, Mrs. Hine, on the natal day—your 81st Birthday. Would that we could wish many many happy returns of the day. You have occupied a niche in DeKalb's Halls of Fame that will be hard to fill—your life has been an inspiration and a blessing to the student and the lovers of nature—a source of joy to your friends, and your name will always stand for a life of thought, study, devotion, usefulness and an example. Again, on behalf of your many friends, Congratulations.



## NATURE'S TEACHINGS

Who made the vine that shades your door?

Who bade it live and grow and bloom?  
Who gives its flowers their exquisite hue  
And living sweetness their perfume?

Who make perfumes?

Who made the bird that loves the vine  
And hides her nest within its twigs?  
Imprisoned in those eggs is—life!

Those dainty eggs, those wondrous eggs

Of life are germs.

A carpet spreads about your vine.

Can human artist bring to pass.

A carpet that renews itself?

Can man create the growing grass

And living sod?

To learn there's One invisible,

Who creates life you need not go

Beyond your vine. And what is life?

By its Creator we must know

There is a God.

The mealy down on wing of moth,

The tiny cells in leaves of tree,

The round, round knot woodpeck makes,

The hexagons in comb of bees,

If magnified

Or measured by most perfect rule

Are found to be all free of flaw.

Perfection from perfection comes:

Nature's works teach us to know

A perfect God.

By earthquakes and volcanic fires,

By living waters from the wells,

By wash of waves, by flow of streams,

By shifting sands, by verdant dells,

By live, sweet air,

By glinting dews, by mists, by rains,

By rainbow pictured on the cloud,

By growth of plants—by such as these

These living works, we find that God

Is everywhere.

All living creatures have their wants.

In balances most nicely set

Those wants are weighed and balanced down

With things they need. Each want is met

With a supply.

The grub is born upon its food;

The young babe knows its mother's breast;

Young, naked birds find brooding wings;

'Neath felted blanket glued to nest

Young rabbits lie.

The universe, the realm of God!

Its vastness who can understand!

Who knows if it is limitless,

An empire that can ne'er be spanned

By measurement?

We know it may be without end:

Do not the stars give proof that He

Who fills the sky with mighty orbs

And guides them as He wills must be Omnipotent?

Coats water proof for water fowl;

For perching birds the clasping toes;

Long legs like stilts for birds that wade;

Large eyes for owls; long wings for those

Who seek the air.

And thus it is that God provides;

From man who has a living soul

To tiniest midget in the air

There's not a creature of them all

But proves God's care.

A mother is not satisfied

When food and raiment she supplies;

She must do more; with pretty things

She ornaments and beautifies

For those she loves.

And God, through nature does the same.

With songs of birds and hum of bees,

With gorgeous sunsets, dreary morns,

With sweet perfumes and fragrances

His loves He proves.

He sends His seasons with their gifts—

Each season has her favorites;

Sweet April has heppaticas

Spring beauties, crowfoot, violets,

Green mossy knolls,

Swamp willows calcined o'er with gold,

Soft maple blossoms, red as blood

Tall elm trees veiled in lacy bloom,

And golden strips, in field and wood,

Of cowslip swales.

And May, Dear May! the flowers she brings

Are all her own—so exquisite!

Her dogwoods, snowball, apple trees—

Trees everywhere all draped in white

As for a bride.

June bathes the world in heavy dews

Perfumed with scent of clover fields,

July and August's heating suns

Make shade most sweet, and each tree yields

A shady side.

Prince Autumn brings the purple grapes

The forest trees in regal dress;

Soft sunshine veiled in hazy air:

And flowers supreme in loveliness—

Chrysanthemums.

And winter! Ah! the jeweled King!

A jewel is each flake of snow;

Long, icy jewels fringe the eaves;

And boughs of trees are weighted low

With frosty gems.

But winter goes and spring returns:

And so the panorama shifts.

No month is like another month;

No day but brings its own fresh gifts

Of excellence;

Its own peculiar loveliness;

And so in nature we may find

Nothing too beautiful or sweet

For God to give to prove his kind

Beneficence.

A bird soon knows and trusts a friend;

A dog will lick a loving hand.

Let us, then, learn from bird and brute

To yield to God, toward us so kind,

Our gratitude.

—JANE L. HINE, Sedan, Ind.

We should have explained yesterday that the poem by Mrs. Hine, was read by her at the meeting of the L. L. C. at the home of Mrs. Sprott May 23. Mrs. Hine is an honorary member of the club.



## NOTES OF THE L. L. C.

*June 1st 1901*  
 Last Saturday's session of the L. L. C. was one of unusual brilliancy and interest as it was out of the usual order of meetings. The program for the day was changed to some extent and the regular lesson was omitted. After the usual business was transacted, Humorous Readings were given by Miss Mary Rose from "The Houseboat on The Styx" by Kendrick Bangs, and Mrs. Ralston from "Sonny" by Ruth McEacry Stuart. Both were well given and were bright and happy selections. The event of the afternoon however, was the "Mock Trial", arranged by Mrs. J. H. Rose. The arrangements were complete in every detail and the trial was conducted in a manner that would no doubt be a surprise to many of our lawyers. The case was one of divorce. Mr. Henry Peck, vs. Mrs. Elizabeth Jane Peck. Mrs. Husselman as Mr. Peck, claimed he was entitled to a divorce on the ground of neglect, that Mrs. Peck, paid no attention to her home, her husband nor the four children, she left him to take care of the home and do the house work, thereby causing him to lose his business, while she spent her time in attending clubs.

Mrs. Ehlers was counsel for the plaintiff and Mrs. Ralston and Miss Rose were his witnesses. Mrs. Mollie Robbins as Mrs. Peck, gave as her defense that it was with his consent, and at his suggestion that she joined the club, that her object in joining the club was to help him to her intellectual, plane and social position, and that he had heretofore been very proud of her literary ability. Mrs. Peck's witnesses were Mrs. Husselman and Mrs. McCord. Mrs. Lewis, as judge, presided with dignity. Mrs. Mollie Rose as bailiff managed with some difficulty to keep order, Mrs. Sprott as clerk of the court, swore the witnesses, who took the oath to tell the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth, or as much as was convenient, or pain of the expulsion from the L. L. C.

The pleas of the attorneys, Mrs. Schaab and Mrs. Ehlers were exceedingly bright and witty, and no written report could give an adequate idea of the bright things that were said and done.

The judge Mrs. Lewis decided against the plaintiff, although she said the burden of the testimony was in his favor. Mrs. Ehlers as Mr. Peck's attorney immediately moved for an appeal which was granted and no doubt the case will be heard of again.

Mrs. J. E. Graham was elected a member of the club, which adjourned to meet with Mrs. Mollie Rose June 8.

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 THE RILEY TEA.*

## The L. L. C. Score Their Usual Success and Have a Brilliant Gathering.

The Riley Tea given at the home of Mrs. Barns last evening was a pronounced success in all ways, as is always true with any function they give. The rooms were tastefully arranged with the club colors, yellow and green, and made beautiful with lovely flowers, etc., etc. The tables and booths were artistically decorated and in charge of ladies who dispensed the articles with business tact and grace. Several prominent characters in the poems, were represented. Mae Rose and Nellie Buckley represented "a day in June," by having the decorations of their frappe booth, showing summer flowers, tennis rackets, etc.

Mrs. Mollie Rose, Mrs. Nellie Hartman and the "Raggedy man," Jarl Sprott, presided over the table where sweet cider and sassafras tea were dealt out.

Mrs. Mabel Hodge and Mrs. Mollie Robbins, had a table for ice cream and cake.

Mrs. Willis and Mrs. Hadesa Ralston had a table for baked goods, etc.

Walter Buckley and Bonny Seiler, were the "Two little Sweethearts, and gave out the souvenirs of the evening, finely printed cards, containing the announcement on one side and the club monogram on the other and tied by ribbons of club colors.

The "Raggedy Man," was Jarl Sprott with Jamie Schaab for his little boy. The "Two Orfant Auntes" were Mrs. Husselman and Miss Edna Davis.

Mrs. Schaab was the "Young Sweetheart" and Mrs. Mary Rose the "Grown Sweetheart."

Mrs. Mollie Rose was "Elizabeth Ann."

Mrs. Nellie Hartman represented "Granny's come to our house to stay" Mrs. Ralston was "Milo Jones' Wife" and Mrs. Lackey was "Evaline."

Mrs. Hodge and Mrs. Robbins represented the "Frost on the punkin and the fodder in the shock" part of the showing. There were several shocks of corn in corners, and the 'punkin pie' did the rest.

Mrs. Ford was "Aunt Mary" and Mrs. McCord and her son, Victor and daughter Dorothy were "Widow Brown and children" Mrs. Barns was the "Lady with the Gainesborough Hat." All the characters named were quaintly and suitably dressed, and created no end of amusement.

There were recitations, "Raggedy Man" by Vivian Fischler, and "Back to Grigsby Station" by Rossie Baxter.

Though the attendance and interest were excellent, there were quite a number of the members themselves who could not attend on account of sickness.

The net proceeds of the meeting will be over \$20.

## The Evening Dispatch

The Riley tea given at the home of Mrs. James A. Barns last evening by the L. L. C. for the benefit of framing pictures for the public schools, was a complete success, socially and financially. The receipts for the evening were twenty dollars. The guests were received by "Little Lovers," Bonnie Seiler and Walter Buckley, who presented each one with a beautiful little souvenir, giving name and date of "tea" very neatly gotten up in the club colors, with club monogram on face.

The characters were dressed in costumes. Two, representing "Little Orphant Annie," Mrs. Geo. Husselman and Miss Edna Davis, were dressed in short schoolgirl costumes. Mrs. G. W. Lackey was "Evaline", a typical old maid. "My mother says I do declare to goodness, the young men certainly must be bline. They couldn't see what a good wife they'd git, if they got Evaline." "Lady with the Gainesborough Hat," red roses sewed onto the brim, could not have been characterized better than it was by Mrs. J. A. Barns. Mrs. John Robbins and Mrs. D. A. Hodge dressed in pumpkin colors represented "When the Frost is on the Pumpkin and the Fodder's in the Shock," crying their wares: Ice cream, sassafras tea pumpkin pie, etc. Mrs. T. C. Ford, "Old Aunt Mary," was so glad to see everybody. So was "Granny" costumed 100 years back in the person of Mrs. Nellie Hartman of Wabash. Mrs. George Schaab, "That old Sweet heart of Mine," with her large bib apron and sunbonnet, her hair braided down her back, was just too "sweet", as was Mrs. James E. Rose "That Older Sweetheart of Mine" with her prim white apron and collar "Widder Brown and Her Two Children" was well given by Mrs. Howard McCord and her own children. "Elizabeth Ann," the hired girl, (Mrs. James H. Rose) and her beau, "The Raggedy Man", (Jarl Sprott) with the cute little house-boy, who followed the "raggedy man" and told his stories (Master Jamie Schaab) furnished much amusement during the evening.

Little Miss Vivian Fischler recited "The Raggedy Man" in her bright, impulsive way, which was well received. Miss Rossie Baxter gave a very pleasing recitation, "My Little Cousin Jasper."

Mrs. A. J. Ralston was "Milo Jones' Wife" and presided at the table of baked goods.

Misses Mae Rose and Nellie Buckley represented "A Day in June." Their booth was beautiful, all trimmed with flowers, and hanging about were tennis nets and rackets. Here they tempted the crowd with sweets.

The rooms were decorated with shocks of corn fodder; ears of corn were suspended in different parts of the house, and there were many cut flowers. The pictures to be given were arranged in the parlors. It was an evening long to be remembered, and the ladies are to be congratulated on their success.



the club. She said that often when she had so much to do she could not see her way out, she asked her friends or sometimes her husband what she should do, and she always got the answer, "Let some things go." She gave a list of the things to be done all necessary ones for the comfort and happiness of her family, and then asked the club, "what things should she let go." Silence reigned a moment every lady busy thinking what she could let go. presently a voice from the other side of the house said: "Let the baby go." This caused a hearty laugh, for those who know the lady asking the the question, knew it would be the most unlikely thing that she would do. Before the discussion began, the committee having the day in charge, consisting of Mrs. McCord chairman, Mrs. Sprout, Mrs. Hartman and Mrs. Hortense Robbins, appeared bearing dainty refreshments. Ice-cream, lady fingers and a beautiful carnation as a favor for each one. It was a bright and pleasant afternoon for both members and guests. The club will meet with Mrs. Swineford next Saturday.

## THE 17th L. L. C. ANNUAL.

### They Grow in Favor as They Grow in Years and this was One of Their Best

This enjoyable meeting to which all members and their fortunate guests look forward to with ever increasing pleasure, took place at the elegant home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Lackey on North Main-st. Sickness and unavoidable absence kept a few of the members away, but this, though regretted, must always be the case. Each member had the privilege of inviting the guest, and several received permission from those unavoidably absent, to use the invitation they were entitled to, and so the spacious residence was well filled.

Mr. Lackey himself received the guests at the door, and at the head of the stairs, two little misses, Floride Lackey and Edna Barnes, received them on the second floor. The club reception committee, proper, received in the front parlor. This committee was the officers of the club, Mrs. M. B. Willis, the president, Mrs. Lackey, the secretary; Mrs. Swineford, the treasurer and Miss Nellie Buckley, the critic. The vice-president, Mrs. Geo. Schaab, was assigned the duty of introducing the guests, to some "distinguished strangers." The favors, which were double hearts, neatly illustrated and tied together with ribbons, of the club colors, were given out by Mrs. A. C. Robbins and Miss Margaret Buckley. Each favor had on it the club mono-

gram, and below that was written the date, "April 4, 1899." On the inside of the second heart was written for gentlemen, the first half of a verse from Mother Goose's rhymes, and the lady whose favor showed the other half of the same verse, became his partner at supper, provided he could find her.

The club had prepared a surprise on their guests, by securing a visit of four "distinguished people." They were "Samantha Allen," represented by Mrs. Dr. Nusbaum; Elizabeth Cady Stanton, by Mrs. T. C. Ford; Mrs. Elizabeth Fry, the Quaker Philanthropist; by Mrs. James H. Rose; Susan B. Anthony, represented by Mrs. Barns. The reception given by these gray haired and peculiarly gifted old ladies was a constant source of amusement, especially as each had a make up that very closely resembled the original, and had committed to memory several of their noted sayings. Several of the ladies had met the originals and so were enabled to closely imitate their peculiarities. At a suitable hour an elegant lunch was served in four courses, these being:

1. Oyster Cocktail and Cheese Sandwiches.
2. Pressed Chicken, Egg Salad, Potato Chips, Bread and Butter Sandwiches. Pickles and Olives.
3. Ice Cream, Cake and Coffee.
4. Sugared Oranges, Dates, Fancy Cakes and Fruit Punch.

At a reasonable hour, the club members and guests took their leave, with many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Lackey, the hosts of the evening, who are certainly splendid entertainers, as well as to the Club itself, to which all the guests feel indebted for one of the most successful and enjoyable functions of the season.

The spacious rooms were lovely with palms and flowering azaleas, arranged with great taste. The music was furnished by Miss Edna Davis, piano, and Margaret Ford, Mandolin, which added greatly to the enjoyment of the occasion.



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## President's Day.

It has been the custom of the Ladies' Literary Club, for several years past, to call the first session of the club year President's Day. These "days" have proven to be very enjoyable, but none more so than the one held at the home of the new president, Mrs. M. B. Willis. Sr. Mrs. Willis planned a very pleasant surprise on the members of the club by inviting the members of the Minerva Club, of Waterloo, to be present. The surprise was complete as none of the members were aware of the treat until they arrived and saw the visitors present. After a short time spent in cordial greetings and social chat, the members were called to order by the president and the business of the club was attended to. Mrs. Willis then made a very pretty little speech of welcome, after which she called on several members of both clubs to make impromptu talks. The previous drill that the members have had, has enabled them to respond quite ably on such occasions. Regrets were received from absent members, one from Dr. Lida Leasure, of Logansport, one from Mrs. Davenport and also from Mrs. Wilson, the latter sending in her place a beautiful bouquet of roses, which were much appreciated. The members were pleased to have with them Mrs. Houser, of Indianapolis, an honorary member. A delicious lunch was served in courses and after a delightful visit with each other and the Minerva Club the L. L. C. adjourned to meet next week with Mrs. Mabel Hodge. Mrs. Hortense Robbins, who is the newly elected member, was unable to be present on account of the serious illness of her mother.

## MRS. JANE L. HINE PASSES AWAY

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has spoken a number of times before the different literary clubs of Auburn, her subject always being upon the study of her lifetime "Birds" and upon which she was a recognized authority. She took especial delight in keeping in touch with the work of the clubs and was never happier than when relating her original poems and mingling with the members of these organizations.

Mrs. Rosa Husselman, of Union township, entertained the Auburn Ladies' Literary Club, last Saturday afternoon, Dec. 3, the subject for the day being, "Indiana". Mrs. Elizabeth Willis, a sister of Mrs. H. presided and Mrs. Ida V. Emanuel had charge of the lesson, and recited many of the resources and industries of the state, proving that no one need be ashamed to be called a "Hoosier". The responses along this line proved that the ladies are well informed in the affairs of the state. "The Schools of Indiana" was omitted by reason of the absence of Miss Hague who is engaged in teaching at Kendallville. Mrs. Helen Ensley, of Indianapolis, sent a paper full of good ideas on "Points of interest at the State Capital", which was followed by a general conversation on practical housekeeping and other kindred topics. Then came a very enjoyable part of the evening, supplied by the host, consisting of a splendid supper served in courses; oysters, turkey, cake, fruit and ice-cream, with the etcetera. Mrs. H. proved herself a "host" indeed in supplying every desire of her guests, and all were highly pleased with the afternoon's enjoyment, made possible by the elegant home and comfortable environments of Echo farm.

AUBURN

## MY BIRDS.

No bird that the Lord has created  
Shall come to misfortune through me,  
Not one of my jolly old robins  
Though they steal the fruit from my tree.  
Not one of my silken-clad blackbirds,  
Who nest in the pine by my door;  
Not one of my little brown house wrens,  
So saucy, so tame and so dear.  
Not one of my sweet gentle bluebirds,  
Who come with the first days of spring;  
Not one of my gay, golden robins—  
Would I wear my oriole's wing?  
Not one of my quaker-clad cuckoos,  
Nor pewees who home in my shed;  
Not one of my jewel-crowned kinglets—  
Would I trim my hat with my bird?  
Not one of my dear little downies  
Who work in my old apple tree;  
Nor flairies, nor red-heads, nor goldshakes,  
Should their wings make trimming for me?  
Not one of my great stately herons,  
Not one of my reed-loving rails,  
Not one of my shy water witches,  
Not one of my cheerful-voiced quails.  
Not one of my beautiful waxwings,  
Though they take my cherries I know;  
Not one of the birds God has given,  
Not even my jaunty old crow,  
Shall have from me aught but kind treatment,  
When He who created them all,  
Would feel both compassion and sorrow  
If even a sparrow should fall.

MRS. JANE L. HINE,  
Sedan, Ind.



## THE L. L. C. ANNUAL.

The Sixteenth Annual Meeting of this justly, popular club was held last evening at the Swineford House, and it is no flattery to say it was one of the most successful and enjoyable of the many enjoyable annuals these ladies have held. They began to assemble at about eight o'clock at Mrs. Swineford's rooms in the south wing of the hotel where the members and their guests were received by Mrs. Swineford, M. a. M. B. Willis, Mrs. E. Zimmerman and Mrs. H. B. McCord who were the reception committee. When all had assembled Mrs. Geo. Schaab and Mrs. A. J. Ralston passed to each gentleman, an assortment of ancient photos, ambrotypes and daguerreotypes, allowing each to take one at random. By comparing this with the faces of ladies present, he was to select the right one and take her to supper. This was no easy task as many of the pictures showed the owners as little girls and the ancient way of making them also helped to make the conundrum more puzzling. An hour of intense interest and merriment was the result and when all were happily mated—some only by the aid of a "key" containing the number of each picture and the name—then all were invited to march to the dining room where after being arranged grace was said by Rev. T. M. Guild. Here was spread the finest banquet we recall in Auburn, six courses in all, all dainty and delicious. And it was served so skillfully by the neatly attired waiters, that nothing was left to be desired. At its close the president, Mrs. Barnes, who was ex-officio a mistress of a splendid address of welcome, called attention to the literary part of the program. The first toast was "The Root of all Evil" reponse by Mrs. T. C. Ford; the second "Our Husbands," by Mrs. James H. Rose; the third, "The Ladies' Literary Club," by Hon. E. D. Hartman. All these responses were able, thoughtful,

witty, well delivered and called out hearty applause. Mr. Guild was also called up and made a brief and witty impromptu speech. And all came away with the expression that no more enjoyable evening could be had, and were generous in compliments to the L. L. C. and the Swineford House. The only drawback was that sickness in the families of some of the members had kept some of them at their homes. Mrs. Swineford's rooms were decorated with green vines and yellow daffodils, these being the club colors. While the banquet tables were decorated with carnations.



## President's Day.

This is a new departure for the L. L. C. but it seems destined to become popular. Last Saturday was the first one they had, that being also the first meeting of the opening year's work. At this first meeting, the new presiding officer takes charge and we believe is also the hostess of the occasion. The new president this year is Miss Lillie McTighe, and she was president just 13 years before. The Club met with her at her home, at Wm. McIntyre's last Saturday afternoon. The meeting was called to order by the President, when all joined in the Lord's prayer, led by Mrs. Lewis. Letters of regret were read, from several absent members and invited guests. Mrs. E. Zimmerman, at Sherman Heights near Chattanooga, sent an interesting letter. Among the invited guests were: Mrs. H. A. Potter at Butler, Mrs. Florence Waterman, Mrs. A. T. Smith and Mrs. Will Francis at Waterloo, and Mrs. J. W. Y. McClellan, Mrs. Rob. McClellan, Mrs. W. E. Ryan, Mrs. G. C. Ralston, Mrs. Kiblinger and Mrs. Henry McIntyre of Auburn. In the literary exercises that followed, several of the ladies were selected to represent some literary character. They did not name the author represented but all were to guess from her selections or references, who it was in this way, Mrs. Lodewick represented Tennyson; Mrs. Swineford, Whittier; Mrs. Schaab, Tom Moore; Mrs. Baltz, Helen Hunt Jackson; Mrs. Oids, Francis S. Key; Mrs. Hodge, was Anthony Trollope; Mrs. Lewis sang Burns' song, "Better bide a wee;" Mrs. Cal Husselman was James Whitcomb Riley; Mrs. Hull played "Home, Sweet Home," which made her represent John Howard Payne; Mrs. Beidler was Thackeray; Nellie Buckley, as Tom Moore, recited one of his finest poems; Mrs. Ford played Beethoven's funeral march, told where her character was born, so they could guess the name; Mrs. Sprott's authoress we did not learn. At the close, refreshments in several courses, were served, accompanied by delightful music.

## L. L. C. Entertained.

Last Saturday was president's day, and Mrs. Elias Zimmerman, she is our president, invited us all to take tea with her.

Besides the club Mrs. Zimmerman had bidden to the feast Mrs. M. E. Oids of Bluffton, Mrs. Lodewick of Albany N. Y., Mrs. Webster of Butler, Mrs. W. Elson of Trinidad, Col., Miss McTighe of Little Rock, Ark., and Mrs. Hine of Sedan, also a number of ladies from Auburn.

The rooms were tastefully decorated with club colors and bouquets of yellow dahlias placed in all parts of the spacious residence; favors of the same flower were placed at each plate and an atmosphere of hospitality warmed every heart. Mrs. Sprott called the meeting to order. First on the program was the latest jokes in response to roll call, which brought out considerable merriment for the entertainment of the guests. Short business session followed in which Mrs. Jackman and Mrs. Schaab were elected delegate and alternate to the State Federation at Elkhart. The president is a delegate and appointed Miss McTighe her alternate. The ladies were next entertained by a piano solo finely rendered by Miss Davis. The retiring president, Mrs. Sprott, gave her farewell address to the club which throughout was full of beautiful thoughts, expressing her appreciation gratitude and regret, it showed great originality and was well given. She then introduced our new president, who gave her inaugural address interspersed with witty sayings, and explained the views of the incoming administration. We believe it will be dignified, conservative and impartial and call upon all to give President Zimmerman and her cabinet loyal and hearty support. A vocal solo by Mrs. Eckhart was very much enjoyed and closed the literary part of the program, after listening to the critics report, the club adjourned to meet in one week with Miss McTighe.

The guests, fifty in all, gave themselves over to social enjoyment all having a delightful time. Just at the proper hour we had supper which was served in three courses. We will not recount all the delicious things we had to eat but they were most heartily enjoyed by all present. Guests left thanking Mrs. Zimmerman for such a delightful afternoon and many good wishes for the future.

## THE L. L. C.

### Begins the New Year with a Successful Session.

The first meeting of the Ladies' Literary Club for the new club year was held at the home of Mrs. Abbie Sprott, the newly elected president, on Saturday afternoon. The members were nearly all present and these with a number of guests and the honorary members made a company of nearly fifty. An interesting program had been prepared and was fully carried out. The president's address was excellent, in the course of which she gave her first year's experience as a club member and was a charming confession of her trials and troubles. Humorous responses were given to roll call, which caused much merriment. The song "America" was sung by all present with an enthusiasm seldom equaled. Mrs. Mabel Hodge and Mrs. Graham led the singing. A club conference was held in which each member gave "Gleaning from Summer Outings." Some were grave and some gay, giving a spice of variety to the exercises.

Mrs. Lodewick led in the discussion "Are women in danger of being clubbed to extinction?" A large number of members and guests took part in the discussion and the consensus of opinion seemed to be that the women of the present day are in no danger. A social hour followed the close of the program and a delicious luncheon was served by the hostess in three courses. She was assisted in serving by Dr. Lida Leasure, Mrs. Nusbaum, Miss Nellie Buckley and Miss Pearl Sprott. The decorations were in red, and the tables lighted with candles, the favors were nasturtiums. A number of honorary members were present; Mrs. Ensley of Indianapolis, Mrs. Hartman of Detroit, Mrs. Hine of Sedan and Mrs. Lottie Cochran of Tucson, Arizona. Others present from the city were Dr. Vesta Swartz, Dr. Lida Leasure and Miss Nellie Buckley. The club was pleased to have as a visitor Mrs. Gibson of Newburg, Pa., a guest of Mrs. Lackey.

The election of delegates to the state Federation of clubs to be held in Logansport Oct. 14th to 18th resulted in choosing Mrs. Nettie Eckhart, the secretary, with Mrs. Mollie Rose as alternate. Mrs. Sprott by virtue of her office is the other delegate.

At a late hour the guests departed thanking Mrs. Sprott most heartily for a most pleasant afternoon.



## TROLLEY PARTY

### The Ladies Literary Club Carries Off The Honors

To the L. L. C. was given the honor of the first trip given to passengers over the Toledo & Chicago Interurban R. R. At 2:30 o'clock a merry party of about 40 ladies convened at the Swineford Hotel on invitation of Mrs. F. L. Welsheimer wife of the Secretary of the road, and soon after proceeded to the car which was waiting at the corner of Cedar and 10th streets. The ladies were assisted on board by Gen. Manager Perkins and Secretary Welsheimer, while Mrs. Welsheimer saw that none were lost in the crowd. The general interest of the citizens was manifested by the large number gathered on the corner to witness the departure of the first party over the new road.

Amid cheers of the crowd and tooting of whistles and waving of handkerchiefs, the party started on the long anticipated trip, a few of the timid ones exhibited some trepidation as to the safety of the trip, which soon vanished as the car glided over the steel rails more smoothly than any had expected. The crowd grew merry and when Auburn Junction was reached and the stop was made for the afternoon train on the Lake Shore to pass, the train men understanding this was the initial trip of the Interurban informed the passengers and a general salute was given by them by the waving of hands, umbrellas, grips and uncovering of heads. This was acknowledged by the ladies by giving the Cheers. The homes all along the line were opened and doors and windows were full of interested spectators, who cheered and waved and smiled a cheery God-Speed, the whistle of the car tooted and tooted in response and Garrett was reached in good time and perfect safety.

Here a great throng of people, heartily greeted the entrance of the first car into that city. Pres. F. E. Seagraves, and Mr. J. R. Seagraves, now joined the party and with Mr. Perkins was introduced to the ladies who heartily cheered each one. At this point the ladies were surprised to see Caterer Coverdale enter the car with a large urn of delicious hot coffee, and then the hostess Mrs. Welsheimer brought forth from some hidden recess, the rest of a most appetizing lunch, which was a surprise to the guests.

The car at this time was backed out from the center of the city to get away from the multitude and be enabled to eat in peace.

Mrs. Welsheimer was assisted in serving by Mrs. N. T. Jackman, Mrs. J. H. Rose and Mrs. Will Eckhart, Pres. of the L. L. C. Impromptu toasts, votes of thanks and cheers for the officials and the hostess were given during the merry luncheon hour at the close of which nightfall being near at hand, the party started homeward.

The merriment continued with songs and pleasant chat, and Auburn was reached too soon, the car moving along with good speed and perfect comfort to the passengers.

The ladies thoroughly appreciated the cartoon framed and presented to the hostess by Mrs. Schaab, which she had obtained for the occasion. This picture depicted very naturally the car, its occupants and incidents along the way. The occasion was one that will long be remembered by the members of the L. L. C. and the other fortunate guests.

The L. L. C. met Saturday with Mrs. W. B. Brown. This day had been set apart by the Program committee as "Guest Day," and each member had the privilege of inviting one guest. The large and pleasant rooms of the hostess were filled with intelligent and interested ladies. The subject for the day, "The Home," being of interest to every one present. The first paper, "The Care of the House" was given by Mrs. Holmes. It was excellent, full of good thoughts with a delicate vein of humor running through it. She contrasted the new with the old way of keeping house. "The Furnishings" of this same home, was given to Mrs. Tillie McCord to handle which she did in a pleasing but practical manner. beginning with the kitchen, the most necessary room, and closing with the "guest chamber." This guest chamber she advised the hostess to sleep in once or twice a year, that she might know of a certainty, if it were comfortable. This same home furnished by Mrs. McCord was an ideal one, and one suitable for persons in moderate circumstances, not wealth, but comfort and good taste. She did not forget to mention books, magazines and newspapers as necessary furnishings of the home. "Emergencies in the Home" was the title of a paper by Mrs. Abbie Sprott. This was witty and yet very practical. She caused a smile to pass over the audience when she enumerated the list of old fashioned remedies on a shelf needed to make her sleep well, in the early days of motherhood, not forgetting the "fit" medicine. Now hot water and the hot water bag is nearly always used in small emergencies. She gave an amusing incident of the making of a mustard plaster by the new method of using ginger, which failed to "draw".

The question for discussion "Is it possible for a Housekeeper to be too Neat?" was opened with a fine paper by Mrs. Priscilla Zimmerman. She gave both sides of the question, relating some incidents that had been under her own observation, one in particular where the wife was so neat that shoes must be removed before coming into the house, and of one wife who compelled her husband to sleep on a rug, that his clothing might not soil her spotlessly clean bed. The discussion that followed was very informal, several ladies taking part with spirit and intelligence, one lady stating that in her early married life she was a painfully neat housekeeper, but was glad to state that she had reformed; another one said she wished to ask a question.



## MRS. HINES' BIRTH-DAY PARTY

Was a Huge Success Despite the Efforts of the Weather Man to Prevent It.

"He is a fool who thinks by force or will to turn the current of a woman's will," was amply illustrated Wednesday when fifteen ladies wished to defy the weather man and his heavy downpour of rain and started in closed carriages for the home of Mrs. Jane L. Hine in Sedan whither they had been invited to participate in the celebration of the eighty-second birthday anniversary of this highly respected lady. The invitation had been extended to the Ladies' Literary club, of which Mrs. Hine is an honorary member, and Mrs. W. H. McIntyre, a near friend, by Mrs. Hine's estimable daughter, Mrs. Nellie Benson, who well knew the great pleasure it would afford her

mother and the guests to spend the day together. The devotion of this mother and daughter is beautiful to reflect upon.

The dinner was also in charge of the daughter, who was ably assisted in serving by Mrs. Ed Wherly, and such a dinner as it was—a real-for-sure country dinner—with everything good to eat that you can think of and then some more good things. Mrs. Hine occupied the place of honor at the head of the table and, at the proper time, a mammoth birthday cake with eighty-two lighted candles upon it was brought in and placed before her, a present from the L. L. C. How much she appreciated the remembrance can only be realized by those who witnessed her reception of it. The cake was placed upon a large, snow-white plaque and twined with smilax and daffodils, yellow and green, the club colors. The candles were also green and yellow. After the cake had been cut and all had disposed of a generous piece, the president of the club was called upon who asked the ladies to drink with her to the good health of the hostess of the clear, pure sparkling water, illustrating the life and character of the one whom they were pleased to honor on that day, at the same giving the following toast, published by request because it expresses the universal regard of everyone for Mrs. Hine:

"Here's to our beloved hostess, our own Mrs. Hine;  
Here's to her good health, her happiness divine;  
Here's to her birthday, her fourscore and two;  
Here's to her long life, so noble and true;  
Here's to her great fame, her fortune untold;  
Here's to her knowledge, priceless as gold;  
Here's to her redbreast, her robin and tree;  
Here's to her whole big bird family;  
Here's to her future, long may she live and be  
A loved, cherished member of the L. L. C.

Mrs. Hine then presented the club with a valuable relic, a piece of Burr Oak taken from a beaver dam on the Hine farm in 1863, the piece being one made by the beavers in constructing their dam, three of which were on the Hine farm. She requested that it be placed in the library curio room. A unanimous vote of thanks was given her for this valuable piece of wood.

The afternoon resolved itself into a general good time, music by Mrs. Dennison and Miss Davis, readings by Mrs. Emanuel and Mrs. Bengnot, round table reminiscences conducted by Miss McTighe, pen drawings by Mrs. Willis, song by entire company and—readers may guess the rest for this paper dares not tell all of the entertainment provided and by whom. In the round table talks it was found that eleven ladies who were present had visited Mrs. Hine in June eleven years ago.

The closing climax of the day was one of Mrs. Hine's entertaining and instructive reviews of our harbingers of spring—the robin—and before she had finished everyone had a question mark on her sleeve, all of which were ably answered by our famous bird woman.

A vote of thanks was extended to Mrs. Benson and family for making possible this pleasant day and at four o'clock the carriages were ready for the return home all too soon for everybody.

Mrs. W. H. Crane of Sedan, was also an invited guest.

## LADIES' LITERARY CLUB

Has a Red Letter Day at the Home of Mrs. A. J. Ralston.

Last Saturday was a red-letter day for the Ladies' Literary club, which convened at the home of Mrs. A. J. Ralston, on south Main street. With two exceptions the entire membership was present, and one of these vacancies was filled by Dr. Leasure a very active and helpful honorary member. The club was also favored by the presence of Mrs. Julia Mott Hodge.

Mrs. Ralston had requested the club to meet with her because the day was her wedding anniversary; so after the usual opening and disposition of the unfinished business, the president under "new business" and in behalf of the club, in a very pleasing manner, presented to the hostess a lovely bouquet of carnations, red and white, fragrant and beautiful, one for each year of her married life and a few beside, thus expressing the hope that she may enjoy many more happy anniversaries. In her own dignified and pleasant manner the hostess expressed her appreciation and delight of the unexpected gift, saying she had thought to surprise but instead was surprised. Mrs. Hodge, a childhood and life-long friend, then favored the ladies with remarks giving a review of our hostess' life, and in her own happy way Mrs. Hodge paid Mrs. Ralston a high compliment, saying: "She has always been a lady."

Mrs. Lackey then made a few remarks after which Mrs. Rose proceeded with the lesson—"The Taming of the Shrew,"—and succeeded in making it very interesting.

Mrs. Welsheimer then gave select reading, "The Educated American Drudge," which was very interesting and enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Seller then favored the ladies with her paper, "Which Does the Most to Produce Crime; Poverty, Wealth or Ignorance?" The careful preparation and extensive thought was apparent to all and the most intense interest was manifested throughout the reading.

After the critic's report and general criticisms the club adjourned to meet with Mrs. Welsheimer in one week.

After the adjournment the president for Mrs. Ralston requested the ladies to remain for a short social session which all were pleased to do. Then came Mrs. Ralston's surprise for the ladies—delicious ice cream with whipped cream and fruit, delicate nut cake with coffee such as only Mrs. Ralston can make. It is unnecessary to say no fragments remained, and after wishing Mrs. Ralston many happy returns of the day all departed feeling the delight of delightful association.—SECRETARY



## L. L. C. S. TRIP.

Dr. Vesta M. Swarts is very friendly to our club, the L. L. C., but her duties as a physician often prevent her meeting at the regular sessions. So Saturday, she had a pleasure trip for them, and provided conveyances to take all thirty of them to Waterloo and give them an elegant supper at the Locke Hotel. They went via the Morning Star road, and on reaching the south edge of Waterloo, went east to the Lutz school house, then north to the fair ground, then west to Centown, and then to the hotel. This was to give them a good ride, for they were made comfortable in spite of the disagreeable weather, for good spirits supplied the lack of good weather. There were eight Waterloo ladies also invited, Mrs. Juliette Dickinson, Mrs. E. P. Dickinson, Mrs. Edward Estinger, Mrs. J. C. Day, Mrs. E. B. Long, Mrs. J. A. Dezer and Mrs. E. W. Willis. Soon after their arrival, supper was announced, when Mrs. Swarts escorted the president of the club, Miss McTighe, and the retiring president, Mrs. A. J. Ralston to the dining room, the club following. The dining room and tables were decorated in exquisite taste, with smilax, roses, and other flowers, all artistically arranged. It was, with the snowy linen, a vision of beauty, such as a company of ladies would enjoy. The supper was elegant and in every way tempting, and was served in four courses. All stood during a brief prayer, by Mrs. Barnes, of Auburn, and this was followed by the Lord's prayer in concert, and then all were seated. At the close of the first course, Mrs. Ross, as toastmistress, called the first exercise, "The Ladies," which was responded to by Mrs. Ashley, in an able and well prepared speech. After the second course, came the toast, "Our Friends," responded to by Mrs. E. W. Willis, in a very apt and witty manner. At the close of the third course, was the toast, "The New woman," the response being by Mrs. Biza Schaab in a very original and charming talk. When the fourth course, closing the banquet, was done, Mrs. T. C. Ford's toast was given. It showed excellent thought and great originality and was well given. This ended the literary part of the evening's entertainment and was followed by a social hour, and then the ride home. All speak highly of the trip and are full of compliments for mine host, Ab. Kelley and his admirable wife, who provided such an elegant supper. They

also compliment the waiters, among whom they discovered Mr. Kelley's charming daughter, Blanche. All did their parts with an ease and grace that could not well be excelled. The general verdict of the ladies, is, that the Locke Hotel has lost none of its excellent features by the change of proprietors, but that Mr. and Mrs. Kelley will ably maintain the excellent reputation it has so long enjoyed.

### The L. L. C. Entertained.

Last Saturday was President's day—not Cleveland's! Oh no! He may be something very considerable down in Washington, but here—well, comparisons are odious, but the L. L. C. have a president, and as it has already been remarked, last Saturday was President's day, and Miss McTighe, she's our president, invited us all to take tea with her. "An excellent idea, a worthy president," we can almost hear our dear Dr. Lida Leasure say, and we all agree with her. Besides ourselves, Miss McTighe had bidden to the feast, Mrs. Francis, Mrs. Waterman and Mrs. Smith from Waterloo; Mrs. W. H. McIntyre, Mrs. George Ralston, Mrs. Frank Ryan, Mrs. Wils McClellan and Mrs. McClellan from Auburn.

The rooms were decorated with plants and green wreaths and the atmosphere of hospitality warmed every heart.

The first thing on the programme was the Lord's prayer sung, or rather chanted, by the club in concert.

An unprejudiced observer might have thought that Mrs. Lewis had the concert mostly to her own self, but doubtless there were many who sang with the spirit and the understanding in their hearts and maybe the sound reached the fine ears of the angels. Then Miss McTighe delivered her inaugural address and explained definitely the views of the incoming administration. We believe that it will be dignified, conservative and impartial in its distribution of offices, and we call upon all, without distinction of party, to give President McTighe and her cabinet loyal and hearty support.

After the address which, owing to the absence of Chief Justice, was not preceded by the administering of the oath of office. Our President introduced various distinguished guests, with all of whom we had some previous acquaintance, except the lady from Texas, whom Mrs. Sprott brought with her. We forget her name, but she was very nice, which

we heard of her. We all knew she was nice because she came with Mrs. Sprott, but up here in Indiana we do not know much about Texas.

One lady said she did not know any body that lived in Texas, except Flanigan, and the rest of us did not know who he was nor where he lived.

You see we do not pretend to know everything in our club, but we do know what Civil Government is, and we are going to publish it. It is a government where all the officials, from president down to ditch viewer, are polite and courteous and obliging; where they are not puffed up beyond measure by the importance of their positions and don't snap your head off because you ask a necessary question. That's the sort of government we have in our club, and the rest of the world will do well to get some of it as soon as possible.

I have just one criticism to make about the way we treated our distinguished guests. It struck this member that they might think us rather impertinent to pry into their private affairs so closely. I ask you, impartial reader, would you like to be asked in a company of strangers where you were born, when you were born and various other things of that sort.

Just at the proper time we had supper. We wont recount all the delicious things we had to eat but we will mention the excellent brown bread and we will also tell you how to make it so you can have some too.

Take one cup of sugar, three cups of graham flour, two cups of corn meal, a pinch of salt, enough sour milk to make a stiff batter, sufficient soda to neutralize the acid of the milk. Trust to your judgment for that and "if at first you don't succeed try, try again."

Then steam for three hours in a tightly covered vessel, try a tin pail set in another covered vessel in which the water must boil without ceasing.

Do you wish to know anything further concerning the brown bread. Either President McTighe or the Lady of the White House, whose hospitality we all enjoyed, will give you the necessary information.

N. B.—Hereafter each presidential candidate will be required to pledge herself, in case she be elected, to invite us all to tea. Strange we never before thought of doing so, but "Live and Learn" is our motto. m



The twelfth anniversary of the L. L. C. was celebrated Tuesday evening at the residence of William McIntyre. A very excellent literary and musical program was rendered. It was opened by a piano solo by Miss McTighe. It also embraced two vocal solos by Mrs. Fred. J. Yesbera, two piano solos by Miss Flora Hoffman and a drama by Mesdames W. B. Brown, Geo. V. Schaab, J. A. Barnes, Leo Ehrlich and John Robins. We forego speaking of the work of these ladies to give room for the more important part of the President's address, which was followed by a very dainty lunch.

Over one hundred guests were present and enjoyed the occasion as well as any which have preceded it.

Mrs. T. C. Ford said:

The first woman's club was organized twelve years ago. The words, "Live and Learn" were adopted as the club motto. The question, "whether life be worth living" has been decided affirmatively by a majority far too great to admit of any doubt upon the subject and the doctrine that a short life is a sign of divine favor has never been fully accepted by mankind. The truth is, all sane people like to live and anxiously seek the means of prolonging life. From very early times unto the present the science of longevity has engaged the attention of great thinkers and they have decided that in order to prolong life and at the same time to enjoy it, physical and mental exercise are absolutely necessary. As the members of this "Live and Learn" club are with but few exceptions house-wives, who bake and brew, wash, scrub and scour, prepare puddings and savory stews, and sew buttons by the hour, the physical exercise conducive to good health is assured, and the club idea has solved the problem of how we busy house keepers are to obtain the proper amount of mental exercise requisite to good health and happiness.

Perhaps there are none of the new movements of the day that have grown with greater rapidity than that of the cooperation of women. No club composed exclusively of women had ever existed, when, in March, 1868 Sorosis was organized. The women who first suggested the organizing of a woman's club, were moved to do so because of the action of the New York Press club which they considered a discourtesy. Mrs. Croly and Mrs. J. Parton, who were at that time almost the only women doing journalistic work asked for tickets to a banquet, which was to be given to Charles Dickens at Delmonico's. The affair was in the hands of the New York Press club and Horace Greely had consented to preside. The women thought they had a right to be represented with the press people and assist in doing honor to a distinguished member of their own profession. The majority of the committee however thought differently and would have

refused to admit the women had not Horace Greely declared that if they did he would have nothing to do with the affair. From this it seems that Mr. Greely not only encouraged young men to go west but encouraged women in maintaining their rights as well. The Press club wanted Horace Greely, but they did not want the women, so they waited until about three days before the affair was to take place when they sent a note to Mrs. Croly saying: "If a sufficient number of women can be found to prevent each other from being lonesome, who are willing to pay fifteen dollars for their tickets, they will be allowed to purchase them." The offer was refused, but the indignation of the women grew and they immediately organized a woman's club.

The Sorosis, the mother of women's clubs, was the outgrowth of the discourtesy of a man's club. In the twenty-six years of her active career Sorosis has seen the prosperous growth of more than three hundred offsprings and a national and international organization of women. The club is a great educator. It is not simply the lessons in history, literature and science that are of so much value. Rather the lessons in patience, forbearance, self-denial, self-reliance and courage. At the club we find the happiness of true friendship, sisterly sympathy, kindly criticisms and good counsel, and while about our household duties the thought of our club work keeps us from brooding over real or imaginary trouble. It gives us something higher and better to think and talk about than mere gossip. Thus the club has a broadening and elevating influence over women, morally, intellectually and socially. There seems to be a general impression among people that women's clubs discuss women's suffrage and other aggressive subjects. This is not true of the L. L. C. We, that are married women recognize home making our highest calling and at the club we not only gain knowledge that enriches our own lives, but that which beautifies our homes and benefits our children. In fact, the members of this club have such happy homes, model husbands and spend their time so delightfully Saturday afternoons, that they have but little desire to discuss woman's rights.

The L. L. C. celebrated its first, as it does its twelfth anniversary under the same hospitable roof, and tonight we are just as proud of our twelve years of existence as the lad who will tomorrow cast aside his knee breeches and don the long trousers, or the little girl who is to have her dress lengthened in honor of entering into her teens.

## The L. L. C. Entertain. 1874

One of the pleasantest gatherings that has taken place in Auburn for some time was the luncheon given by the Ladies' Literary Club at the home of Mrs. M. B. Willis in honor of Mrs. Lottie Ford Cochran, an honorary member of the club residing at Ontario, California. Mrs. Cochran has been here since May, spending the summer with her father, Dr. Ford. She has been a member of the L. L. C. since the early part of its organization.

The luncheon which was given last Thursday at noon was, as are all entertainments given by this excellent club, a perfect success. Although the day outside was rainy and dreary, inside all was bright and beautiful. The tables with their shaded lights, their china and flowers, made a scene that was delightful to behold. Each table had its distinctive decoration. There was a yellow table, at which the guest of honor was seated, as a compliment to her adopted state, and state flower, the yellow California poppy; a white table, at which the attendants were dressed in white and all the decorations were of the same pure color; an autumn table, where the decorations were of the beautiful leaves; a pansy table, where the favors were bright-faced pansies, which seemed to look you in the face and smile a welcome; a pink table, where the dainty pink geraniums formed a pleasing contrast to the pure white table linen and dainty china. At the place of each guest was a pretty souvenir, a dainty menu card, at the top of which was this appropriate sentiment from Shakespeare: "A good digestion to you all: and, once more, we shower a welcome on you; Welcome all."

Of the menu itself, consisting of seven courses, words fail to describe its excellence. The ease and daintiness with which it was served and the excellence of the viands themselves can only be appreciated by those who were fortunate enough to be guests.

The club colors, yellow and green, were noticeable in the decorations. Between fifty and sixty were present, and when it is known that only one guest was allowed each member, those who were invited may well consider themselves as fortunate.

The club was pleased to have with them, two other of their honorary members, Mrs. Helen Ensley, of Indianapolis, and Dr. Lida Leasure, of Angola. They were cordially welcomed by those present. The guests from out of town were, Mrs. Dr. Spooner, of Peru; Mrs. Fetters, of Kendallville, and Miss Ward, of Colorado Springs, Col.



## THIRTEENTH L. L. C. ANNIVERSARY.

The thirteenth L. L. C. anniversary at the Swinford Hotel Tuesday evening, had a happy distinguishing feature in being observed with a lecture by Dr. Lida Leasure, an honorary member from Angola. Her subject was "Flotsam and Jetsam." After defining the legal meaning of the terms, the speaker turned to a discussion of moral and social questions, dealing with them in a most forcible manner for over one hour. These Questions have long been full of deep interest to Dr. Leasure and she seemed to put more soul, more earnestness and more enthusiasms in her language than ever before. Her diction is faultless, her reasoning clear and her conclusions sound.

After the lecture and a brief period spent in conversation, very substantial refreshments were served, including ice cream, cake and strawberries.

Among the guests present from out of town we noticed John Leasure and son, Mrs. Chas. Jackson and Mrs. H. K. Scott, of Angola; Mrs. Mort Olds, of St. Joe; Miss Viberg, of Ft. Wayne; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rose, of Garrett; Mrs. Will Francis and Miss Rose Blair of Waterloo, and John S. Boots, of Jackson township.

## L. L. C. CHILDREN'S DAY.

The world is progressing when it gives more and more attention to children, when it inquires after their wants, their needs, their amusement, their trend in life with a view of growing better men and better women. The L. L. C. planned wisely in setting apart one day of the year for the children of the members of the club. It is calculated to impress upon these plastic little minds something of the good work these women are doing, along lines of culture.

Saturday was children's day at the club, which met with Mrs. W. B. Brown, and forty-three children, happy as the first blue birds and robins of March and April, chattered and talked and laughed and played to their heart's content. A drama, "The Mouse Trap," was acted for their benefit by the club, and the climbing on chairs, tables and the piano to get away from a mouse was so real, the little folks grasped the situation easily. We have read of actors and actresses becoming earnest and so wrapped up in the play they were rendering, everything became real to them. So some of the L. L. C.'s really trembled for fear there might be a mouse in the room and they might have to remain for hours on the tables or the piano, or perched on the back of a chair.

After the drama refreshments were served. In this feature of the afternoon the little folks showed themselves no novices. They had experienced too and profited by it. A prettiness whetted by exciting pleasures and novelty of environment stowed away the delicacies prepared for them to the entire satisfaction of the club. It was a pleasant affair from beginning to end and well worth the pains it cost the minds and hands which executed so worthy. The first L. L. C. children's day marks another step forward in the history of the club.

## The L. L. C.

Saturday was guest day at the L. L. C. and a very pleasant "day" it proved to be to those fortunate enough to be a guest. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Nettie Eckhart on North Main st.

The arrangements were in the hands of a committee of three, Mrs. McCutcheon chairman, and Mrs. Welsheimer and Mrs. Sprott. While many "guest days" have been given to its many friends during the long period of the Clubs existence, we are sure, judging from the remarks of the guests, that we are safe in saying that it was the most enjoyable of all. The informality of the occasion was its chief charm. The guests were made to feel at home at once. There was not a program of great length, but all were asked to write an original valentine. While this was new business to most of those present, many were very funny and all received well merited applause. This was followed by a "Musical Romance" in which well known tunes were played, the guests guessing the tunes. Miss Flossie Leasure guessed all of them and winning the prize, a beautiful picture. Mrs. Maude Robbins sang a beautiful love song appropriate for the day. Mrs. Mabel Hodge and Miss Davis gave a duet, Mrs. Hodge being vocalist and Miss Davis the pianist. The guests were then invited to the dining room, where a pretty scene met the eye; the decorations were in red and white, red hearts met the gaze in every direction, red and white streamers from the chandelier to the corners of the table, and a large cupid decorated with hearts occupied the mantel.

The refreshments were delicious and consisted of coffee, ice cream, and heart shaped cakes, also old fashioned candy kisses in which were found rhymes of love appropriate for the occasion. These were a surprise to the committee from Mayor Sprott, whose kindness added much to the merriment of the afternoon.

The rooms were all decorated with festoons of hearts and single hearts of all sizes and flying cupids and St. Valentine reigned supreme. Mrs. Eckhart's home is admirably adapted to entertainments of this kind, and has always been opened freely to the use of the L. L. C. The older members of the club remember very many pleasant gatherings under its roof while Mrs. Willis mother of the present hostess, was with us. The committee has the thanks of the other members of the club and their guests for a very pleasant afternoon.

—Despite the inclemency of the weather last Friday, twenty-one members of the Ladies Literary Club of this place drove to Angola in acceptance of the kind invitation extended to them by Dr. Lida Leasure and Mrs. Alzein Ralston-Scott, honorary members of the club. After partaking of a substantial and delightful luncheon at the home of Mrs. Scott, the party repaired to Dr. Leasure's, where merriment held sway until in due season they sat down to an elaborate and well served dinner that would have delighted the appetite of the most exacting epicure. The day was filled to overflowing with kindly welcomes by Mesdames Leasure and Scott to their guests in whose hearts they in return will always find a cheerful corner.



# NINTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE L. L. C. 1891

It was a gay and cultured company that assembled at the residence of S. D. Hanna on south Jackson street Tuesday evening. The occasion was the annual observance of the anniversary of the Ladies Literary Club. The event is looked forward to with increased interest each year, as one of the leading incidents of society. It is the only occasion when this worthy club opens its doors to any large number of friends. But it then gives them such a royal welcome that the favored few are willing to wait a year for another "feast of reason and flow of soul."

The program for the evening was an exceedingly interesting one, and embraced several new and happy features. A poem entitled "Kate Ketchum," was given by the club, each responding with a verse. An original club song, "The L. L. C." was pointed and appropriate. Mrs. J. A. Barnes delivered the address of welcome and she spoke of the objects of the club, the work it was doing and emphasized the fact that its members had not neglected any home duties, done less church work, made less calls, been less neighborly, or less charitable from having given one afternoon each week to literary work. Indeed the cooking was just as good, the clothing was mended and made as well, and the home life made broader, deeper and fuller. Mrs. Carrie Hull's piano solo was a good selection as was also the piano solo of Miss Woodhull. Mr. S. D. Hanna favored the company with a vocal solo with Miss Jessie Weaver as pianist.

The last number on the program was a Greek drama the "Ladies of Athens," by eight ladies in Greek costumes. The drama has to do with the times of Socrates. Seven ladies have met at the home of Xanthippe to praise her husband Socrates. She was disgusted with his philosophy and informed them "that women and children cannot dine and sup off philosophy." The character of Xanthippe was taken by Mrs. George Schaab who filled the difficult role excellently. Mrs. Hanna took the part of Aspasia, wife of Pericles; Mrs. E. Zimmerman, Sappho the Poetess; Miss McTigh, Phileasia, wife of Xenophon; Mrs. Houser, Pythias, wife of Aristotle; Mrs. Cal. Husseiman, Cleobula, sister of Demosthenes; Miss Hartman, Damophila, wife of Damophilus, and Mrs. Garwood, Nicestrata, wife of Sophocles. The characters were well taken and each part well presented. After the drama refreshments were served and the remainder of the evening spent in conversation, interspersed with music. The evening was a delightful one and will long be remembered by those who enjoyed the hospitalities of the L. L. C. The favors were handsome boxes of candy and almonds, with "L. L. C., Bonbons 1891" on the boxes in gilt.

A Wonder Worker.

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## The L. L. C. Annual. 1891

This popular event took place Tuesday evening at the residence of S. D. Hanna on South Jackson street. A number of the ladies were sick or had members of the family sick, and could not attend. But those who could be present, and the fortunate guests, had a very fine entertainment, just as they always do. The first thing was the quotation of a witty parody on Maud Muller, "Kate Ketchum," each member giving a verse. Then the class song an original one composed by Mrs. Hodge, and sung by all the class. The address of welcome, by the president, Mrs. Barnes followed. It was well received. Mrs. Carrie Bodine Hall, then executed a fine piano solo, and then came a song by request of the club, given by S. D. Hanna, which like the other exercises was heartily cheered. Then came the event of the evening, for the club always brings out a new and bright feature. It was a Grecian drama, in which Mrs. Xanthippe Socrates and her "neighbor gossips" took part. The leading part was taken by Mrs. G. V. Schaab, the others being Mrs. Hanna, Mrs. Garwood, Mabel Hartman, Miss McTighe, Mrs. E. Zimmerman, Mrs. Houser and Mrs. Cal. Husseiman. All were dressed in Greek costumes which was very becoming and graceful. The ladies never looked better. And the acting and speaking were superb. It beat the Greek drama at college, for ladies look the characters and assume the dress with more grace and dignity. Miss Woodhull gave a piano solo and Mrs. Garwood and Mabel Hartman sang to the accompaniment of Jessie Weaver. All did their parts excellently and the club has abundant reason to feel proud of its ninth reunion. Each of these seems better than any other could be, perhaps because it is the newest and freshest to the mind. But we don't see how the next can be any better. The usual lunch followed, and then a social of an hour or so. All speak highly of the meeting, and commend Mrs. Hanna's good taste and care, as well as "Sam's" able assistance and bubbling good humor. And the guests—well they feel proud of the compliment of an invitation as well as thankful.

The Coming Gossips

## The L. L. C. Anniversary. 1892

The club's annual meeting and banquet was held Tuesday evening and, like all their previous similar meetings, was enjoyable to the highest degree. The regular meeting was held in the beautiful hall of the Knights of Pythias, where they and their invited guests, seventy-five in all, assembled at about eight. When called to order by the president, Mrs. Schaab, each member arose in order and, without any formal roll call, responded by repeating "proverbs in rhyme," which were very appropriate. Mrs. Schaab's address of welcome, which followed, was bright and able, and gave a foretaste of the brilliant things that were to come. Mrs. Ehlers came next with a speech, the text of which was "The L. L. C." It was one of the most eloquent we have ever had the privilege of hearing, full of the finest thoughts, and expressions full of beauty. We feel that it is not doing injustice to the talented members of the club, to say it was the finest production of the evening. Her tender allusions to Mrs. Hartman filled many eyes with tears. Mabel Hartman then recited the "Chariot Race" from Ben Hur. She is always graceful and natural, and she did justice to the fine extract she had chosen. This closed the literary part of the work, and after a social season, all took their way to the Swineford House and sat down to as fine a banquet as ever graced a table or tempted an epicure. For a few well employed moments, we draw the curtain over this very enjoyable feature. At the proper time, Mrs. Lewis, who was toastmistress, or "Symposiarch," as the ladies insisted on calling her, read off the toasts and called for responses. The first called was "The Press," which was ably responded to by E. A. Nye of the Dispatch, and he was followed by J. A. Barnes of the COURIER. Dr. Lida Leasure talked pleasantly and wittily of "The Babies of Our Club," by which it seems are meant the children born to members since the club was organized. They are eight in number. Charles Emanuel responded to "Our Wives" in a neat and appropriate speech, which we have no doubt the ladies especially appreciated. Dr. Vesta Swarts gave a very witty, and at the last quite a learned talk on "Adult Men and Minds," handling her subject in a most entertaining manner. Alza Ralston responded to the toast, "The Hoosier," with a brilliant little speech that was roundly applauded. She is a firm believer in the Hoosier and gave abundant and witty reasons therefor. The last toast, "The Banquet," was assigned to J. E. Rose, and those who have known him only as a rather sedate and dignified attorney, awoke to the fact that he is a wit of no mean ability. He got out of his commonplace subject more than had seemed possible to his hearers and brought this very pleasant entertainment to a fitting close in a roar of laughter. All agree that the whole affair was the most brilliant the ladies have given. We should not forget Mrs. Lewis, who did her rather delicate duties in a most ladylike and creditable way. And the Swineford House, and especially Mrs. Swineford, should have a proper share of credit for the success of the meeting. Finally, we noticed that each member of the club wore the usual bouquet of wild violets which Mrs. Hodge always sends them from the woods on her farm,—a graceful tribute and most becoming decoration.



### A Pleasant Literary and Social Event.

Among the many interesting items we were obliged to omit in last week's issue, owing to want of time and space, was the social gathering given by Mrs. Penfield to the three literary clubs of Auburn. This pleasant event was on the evening of March 16. This was the first time in the history of these excellent clubs that they have had the opportunity of meeting together as clubs, and they greatly appreciate the kindness of Mrs. Penfield in giving them this pleasant privilege. She is also the fortunate possessor of a beautiful and commodious home in which to receive her guests.

The guests were called to order at the request of the hostess by Mrs. Ford, President of the L. L. C., in a few well-chosen words, this club being the oldest of the three represented. The roll was called by the secretaries of their respective clubs, and responded to by quotations from favorite authors, the members of each club remaining standing till the close of this exercise.

The first paper of the evening was by Mrs. Schaab, a member of the L. L. C., entitled "Mental Epidemics," which was very opportune and interesting. This was followed by a character sketch of Washington Irving by Mrs. Moss, a member of S. H. G. This was compiled and given in a very pleasing manner. A very pretty and charming piece of instrumental music was given by Mrs. J. J. Zent, a member of the C. L. S. C., entitled, "Annie Laurie" (variations). This order was observed in all the following exercises. Mrs. Barnes gave her personal experiences of "Half Day in a Railway Coach," which blended the humorous with the pathetic. A brilliant piece of music was then given by Mrs. Louie McIntyre, President of the S. H. G. This was followed by a reading entitled, "The Lady or the Tiger," by Mrs. Sam Nickey. The interesting story and the pleasant manner in which it was given charmed the guests.

Mrs. Emanuel gave an essay founded on the sweet story of the friendship of David and Johathan, and succeeded by her manner in impressing her hearers with the desire of possessing this pure and true friendship. To add variety to the exercises Mrs. Henry gave a delightful recitation, entitled, "A Scene at a Fire." In this she showed her ability to imitate the German dialect.

The closing exercise was an instrumental duet by Mrs. R. S. McClellan and Miss Edna Davis. The music was a very charming feature of the evening's entertainment and was greatly enjoyed. After some time was spent in social conversation, an elegant lunch was served in courses, and was one of the enjoyable features of the evening. Nicely tucked away in her napkin each guest found a souvenir in the shape of a card, on which was printed, "Welcome L. L. C., S. H. G., C. L. S. C., at the home of Mrs. W. L. Penfield, Friday evening, March 16, 1894." The evening will long be remembered by the fortunate guests for the charming manner in which they were entertained.

### THREE LITERARY CLUBS ENTERTAINED.

Mrs. W. L. Penfield entertained the L. L. C., the S. H. G., and the C. L. S. C., very handsomely Friday evening. There were over one hundred guests assembled when the literary program was opened with a paper by Mrs. Geo. Schaab. Other papers followed by Mrs. C. E. Emanuel, Mrs. J. A. Barnes and Mrs. H. Moss. Mrs. J. C. Henry gave a recitation and Mrs. S. M. Nickey a selection. Music was interspersed by Mrs. I. M. Zent, Mrs. W. H. McIntyre and Miss Edna Davis.

It required almost two hours to dispose of the literary and musical features of the evening, after which a short time was given to conversations before the guests were seated to a most elaborate supper. Another hour was most happily spent around the small tables feasting on the many good things to eat and enjoying the sallies of wit and wisdom for which the women of these clubs are so well known.

It was a brilliant affair viewed from the literary, the social, or the banquet side. Mrs. Penfield left nothing undone which would add to the comfort and pleasure of her guests and they fully appreciated her hospitality. Those present from out of town were Dr. Lida Leasure and Mrs. Chas. Jackson, of Angola.

### Twelfth Annual of the L. L. C.

It is always a pleasure to attend the "annuals" of the L. L. C.—the Ladies' Literary Club, of Auburn. For twelve years they have been an organized and working club, always progressive, always active, and highly appreciated by the fortunate ones who are afforded an opportunity to attend any of their meetings. True, the "annuals" are about the only meetings to which their friends are bidden, though in one or two instances, other public meetings have been held. Tuesday evening was their twelfth annual reunion and it was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McIntyre, on West Seventh street, the place that had witnessed their first meeting so many years ago. The rooms were handsomely decorated, and Mr. and Mrs. McIntyre, with their well known hospitality, vied with the ladies of the club, in the hearty welcome given to the guests. About 100 were present and the spacious rooms were full. The exercises were, as usual, literary and musical. The first was an instrumental solo on the piano, by Miss McTighe, followed by a vocal solo by Mrs. F. J. Yesbera. Then came roll call, when each member of the club responded to her name by giving some important fact in American history. These responses began before Columbus and ended with the latest important events of recent years. Their past year's work has been in this line. Following this was an instrumental solo by Miss Flora Hoffman. Then came the welcoming address of the Club's president, Mrs. T. O. Ford. This was an original and very able address, finely composed and delivered in a very scholarly manner. Her speech ranked well with the many fine ones given by her predecessors in this office. Then came another musical number by Miss McTighe, then another solo by Mrs. Yesbera, and these were succeeded by the comedy, "The Husbands of the Company," a most laughable piece given by Mrs. Schaab, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Robbins and Mrs. Ehrlich. After another piano solo by Miss Hoffman, came the refreshments, which were all dainty and most enjoyable. The "frappe" stand was presided over by Mrs. Robbins, Mrs. Barnes and Mrs. Wilson, and the tables by Mrs. Brown, Mrs. McCord, Mrs. Mollie Rose and Mrs. Ehrlich. But one opinion can be held of this entire entertainment. It was superb—the music, both vocal and instrumental, the speech, the comedy, and the refreshments. And we should not omit the finely decorated rooms, in which the club colors, yellow and green, were prominent, nor the amiable and enjoyable hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. McIntyre.



In spite of the terrible storm the members and their guests were nearly all in attendance at the residence of John Leasure Tuesday evening, to celebrate the eighth anniversary of the society. The bad weather prevented six members from coming: Mrs. Ensley and daughter, Eva, Mrs. Zent, Miss Mollie Murphy, Mrs. Davenport and Mrs. Hodge. The last named, however, sent her annual donation of wild flowers, a fraternal act she never forgets, and which her sister members fully appreciate. The number of guests is always limited, as no dwelling in Auburn would accommodate a half of those who would feel proud to be invited. The address of welcome was by the president, Mrs. Lewis, and was a very appropriate one for the occasion. M. B. Willis on the behalf of the guests, delivered the response, in which he acquitted himself most creditably. Mrs. Houser gave a very able and polished address on "Human nature as we find it," and Mrs. Emanuel recited a very sweet poem "Auf Wieder Sehen." Then followed the novel exercises—the repeating of original spring poetry, to which all members of the club responded. The most of them were very seasonable and witty, and several showed a high degree of poetical talent. Very few were complimentary of the season referred to, however. Then came lunch, during which the "Little German Band" discoursed sweet music, continuing this more or less to the close. Mrs. Schaab gave one of her characteristic addresses in the form of a toast. It was entitled "Ragout" and was to have followed Mr. Hartman's toast "The Law" but he could not be present, being detained at the court room. Of course it was witty. But the masterpiece of drollery and wit combined was the host's response to "The L. L. C. anniversaries." It should be heard to be fully appreciated. He was "called back." Then followed impromptu talks by several gentlemen as they were called on. [We have often called attention to the impossibility of describing adequately these enjoyable annual meetings of this justly popular club. A newspaper article can't do them justice. Any one who has attended them can readily see this. The literary work done by the members is of the highest order. We do not believe they have their superiors in the state. Their lunches are the topnotch, so to speak, of the culinary art, models of refined taste and good judgment. This feature we think each year, cannot be improved, yet the succeeding "annual" always shows some new and pleasing addition. And the polish and grace with which they entertain leave a pleasant impression on the minds of those so fortunate as to be their guests. We should not fail to express our gratitude to Mrs. Hodge, by whose thoughtful kindness the editors were enabled to enjoy this festive occasion.

# THE L. L. C. ANNIVERSARY.

Tuesday evening occurred the celebration of the eighth anniversary of the Ladies Literary Club at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Leasure. Outside was pouring rain and blinding storm. Inside was cheerful speech and joyous welcome to all the invited guests who were brave enough to leave their own comfortable homes. There are twenty-six active members of the club. About 8 o'clock most of them had assembled with thirty or more of their friends to enjoy the excellent literary program and hospitalities of a literary club, which is one of the finest features adorning Auburn society.

The address of welcome by Mrs. Lewis, president of the club, was a model of good taste and beauty of language. The response, by M. B. Willis, was spoken in a few well-chosen sentences in which he expressed fully the keen appreciation the friends of the club felt in their work. Mrs. Houser's oration on "Human Nature as We Find It," showed the speaker to be a close student of human nature. Mrs. Emanuel's recitation was given in a charming manner, which brought out fully the beauties of the poem. "Spring Poetry," by members of the club, called out some good verses, together with others that were aimed only to be rhymes. Mrs. Schaab's subject was "Ragout." Her sallies of wit and sarcasm were pointed, and her language and manner of delivery entertaining.

At this point in the evenings exercises refreshments were served after which most of the gentlemen present responded briefly to toasts. Mrs. McCord acting as toast master.

Those who were fortunate enough to be present went home feeling grateful not only to the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Leasure, but to the entire club for the kind hospitalities of the evening.

Oh spring Spring, I'm glad you're here  
Come in, sit down, in that are chere.  
Too long old winter's lingered in your  
lap  
And now he's wakened from his nap.  
And you've got all your paradin' done  
I s'pose we'll get a glimpse of sun.  
We had a little, one cold day  
So the groundhog could come out to  
play  
And see his shadder, wa'nt that mean?  
I wish the critter ne'er been seen.  
Cause we knew then for six weeks  
more  
We'd have to stay inside our door.  
So, now get busy soon's you can  
Blow breezes from the Isle of Man  
And let them bring refreshing showers  
To bust the buds and bloom the  
flowers.  
And let the bees hum round their  
hives  
Until the honey man arrives  
Way long in summer, to spoil their fun  
Undo the good you both have done.  
Poor busy bees, I think's a shame  
But lovely Spring, you're not to blame  
'Tis man, the tyrant, for his stom-  
ach's sake  
May the bees sting him, honey make  
his stomach ache.  
Now when you've done your work real  
well  
We'll let you rest a little spell  
Till summer comes and kindly brings  
A lot of your unfinished things.  
As flies and microbes, germs and sich  
To plague the poor as well's the rich.  
We've lately learned such things exist  
And also learned that Ignorance was  
bliss.  
For now I scarcely dare to draw a  
breath  
For fear the pesky things will be my  
death.  
You got to go, well, then goodbye,  
I'll wipe the tears from out each eye.  
My hope's revived I know you'll bring  
Something to cheer us, dear old Spring.  
MRS. MARIA M. WILLIS.



—Auburn never turned out a more cultured or intellectual audience than that which assembled at the Presbyterian church last Saturday evening to hear Dr. Lida Leasure's lecture on "The Social Evil." Every available seat was taken and the aisles were filled with chairs. The subject was a difficult one to treat before a popular audience, but the speaker handled it with delicacy and tact, yet forcibly and logically. Seldom have we heard a lecture which contained so much fact and so little theory. The speaker pointed out that it was the upper and lower strata and not the great middle stratum of society which this evil so thoroughly permeated. Much of it of it was due to carelessness on the part of parents in early training, to improper association without proper restraint in our public schools, and to general looseness in manner and speech in society. The speaker insisted that the same ban should be placed on man as his partner in crime. By custom society has only curses for the woman, while a few apologies will suffice for the man. Justice demands the same penalty for both—social ostracism.

—Dr. Lida Leasure's lecture brings to our mind more forcibly the fact that greater supervision required is on the part of some parents in Auburn over the correspondence of their daughters. There are perhaps a half dozen girls not above the age of, fourteen years, that may be seen at the postoffice several times nearly every day looking for letters. One of them remarked Saturday, "I ought to have a letter to-day sure," and this was the third or fourth time the speaker had been observed in the postoffice.

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## Ladies' Literary Club.

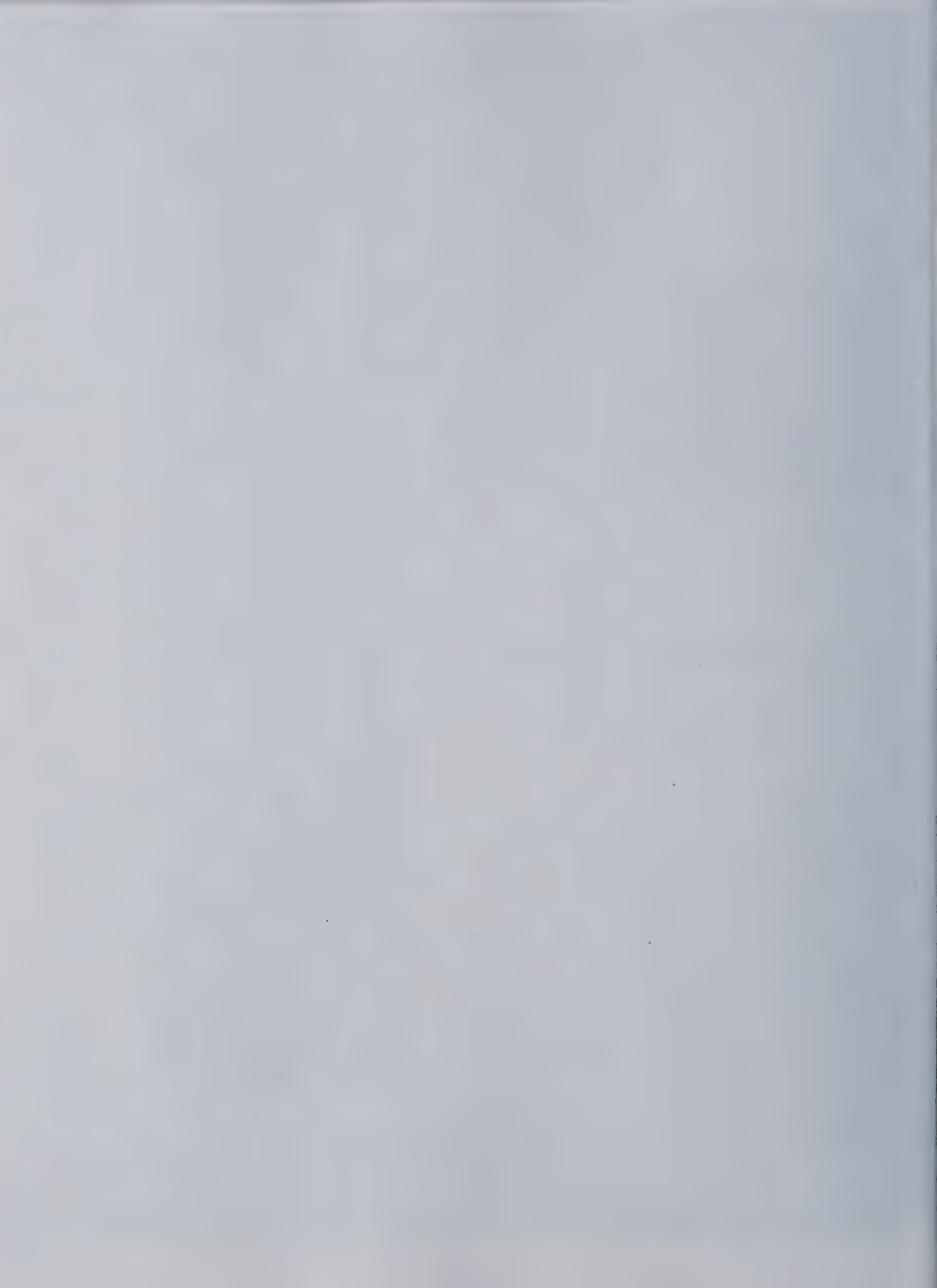
HOME OF MR. AND MRS. H. B. M'CORD, TUESDAY  
EVENING, APRIL 19, 1892.

### — PROGRAMME —

Roll Call..... Responses by Club.  
President's Address..... Mrs. Ida V. Emanuel.  
Vocal Solo—"When the Tide Comes in," Willard.  
Mrs. Jennie Garwood.  
Recitation—"The Ruggles' Family Dinner Party,"  
Miss Mabel Hartman.  
Piano Solo—"Galop di Braunra," Wallenhaupt.  
Mrs. Ella Hotelling Tanberg.  
Vocal Solo—"Swinging in the Grapevine Swing,"  
Mr. Sam D. Hanna.  
Pianist..... Mrs. Jennie Garwood.

### Dr. Lida Leasure's Lecture.

As befitted the occasion, there was a large attendance Saturday evening to hear Dr. Lida Leasure's lecture on "The Social Evil." And not only was the attendance large, but it was made up mainly of the best elements of Auburn society—people who appreciate a literary effort of the kind. The meeting had been arranged by the Ladies' Literary Club, each member having the privilege to invite twenty guests, and there was no admittance fee. The K. of P. had been invited in a body, in recognition of their kindness in giving them the use of their elegant hall for the club's last annual meeting. Mrs. Leasure had read this lecture before the club, as one of the regular exercises, and it was so full of good thoughts, that the society unanimously requested her to deliver it on some future occasion, to a larger audience, feeling sure it would be appreciated. To this she finally consented, and the result was the meeting at the Presbyterian church Saturday evening. Members of the club acted as ushers, and the great audience was seated quietly and at last comfortably. Mrs. Alice Lewis, president of the club had been ill for some time, and could not be present. So Mrs. M. B. Willis, the vice-president, took charge of the meeting, and presided with ability and dignity. On introducing Mrs. Leasure, the president stated briefly some of the points noted above. The speaker at once entered on her subject, prefacing the lecture proper by a few thoughts called out by the occasion. The speaker had given the subject a great deal of thought, and no phase of this important yet delicate question was neglected. She showed herself master of the situation, and appeared as much at ease as if the lecture platform was a familiar place. She had the ability to clothe her thoughts in choice yet energetic language, and the great audience listened as one man, to catch every word she said. One could hear the ticking of the church clock, from the first words to the close. It would be impossible to give a good idea of this lecture to those who did not hear it. We can only say that she dwelt with emphasis and feeling on the immoral tendencies of the times, and sounded notes of warning to the unthinking, that should be cherished as pieces of gold. Parents should look well to their children, as to their associations, their reading and their amusements. Going farther into her subject, she claimed that where sin has been committed, we are too apt to cast the woman out of society and let the man stand as high as before. This fearful injustice the speaker decried with great force of reason and with words of no uncertain meaning. The men should be cast out of good society just as the woman is. As the speaker warmed to her subject, she became very eloquent and impressive, and the vast throng frequently burst into applause, forgetful of the sacred building they were in. And they were not to be blamed. The truths uttered were such as we hear from the pulpit, and were by no means out of place in the house of God. When the audience dispersed, there was but one opinion, and that was that the lecture has seldom been equaled by anything we have had in Auburn. Those who were present owe a debt of gratitude to the L. L. C. and their talented speaker, for another evening of intellectual pleasure.



MARCH 11, 1912

The assignment of "Original Lines on Spring" was productive of many effusions and evidenced that the courting of the Muses was a distinct and successful occupation by many L. L. C. members, and while grim winter held all without in a firm grasp and ruled supreme, midst comfortable surrounding and lines plus lines on gentle spring, the members listened to the following:

"Tis Spring, 'tis Spring," cries the L. L. C.,

As some "lines" she tries to see  
Then for inspiration she waits in vain,  
For silence reigns.

"Tis Spring, 'tis Spring!" the lady sighs

Once more she sighs in vain,  
For silence reigns.

Old Winter in his long embrace  
Heeds not her mournful lily-face

But proves that he is monarch

By rushing down to the zero mark.

"Ha! Ha!" he cries

And the lady sighs.

But conquered thus, she will not be,  
This lady of the L. L. C.

Thus speaks she unto this monarch,

This monarch of the ghastly zero mark

"Take heed and cast thine eye

Upon the calendar and die.

In March thy doom is told

For Spring has come, though it is cold

Within the almanac the date is told."

Then this mighty monarch old

Cried out: "For almanacs, I have no care

But down the thermometer I'll tear;

Down, down, fifteen below, yes I will go

Twenty-two degrees below zero!

Behold the conquering hero!"

Thus met he, her challenge with a dash

While thunders roll and lightnings flash,

The snow piles high

The wind sweeps by

With many a moan and roar,

Fet now the lady sighs no more

But greets him with disdain

As he struggles in vain

For another cold wave, his honor to save

And to reach his weapon, the zero mark,

This old and cruel Winter monarch!

At last his icy heart is broken

His teardrops melted, these words spoken:

"Tis Spring, 'tis Spring, the almanac was right."

He gasps and takes his flight  
And sighs in vain

April rain

And smiles at the L. L. C.

Ever loyal, they agree

And faithfully write and sing

Original lines on Spring.

EDNA A. DAVIS.

What shall it be? What shall it be?

I smiled at John, and John at me;

For on the Year Book we could see

An "order" for "Spring Poetry."

Some poetry that ought to be—

Like the Masterpiece of the L. L. C.—

A great and glorious, wonderful thing—

But alas! what a little thing I bring.

What kind of spring? one now must ask

While fretting over such a task,

A forward spring, or backward one,

But wait! some poetry has sprung!

A deep blue sky, a babbling brook,

A mossy bank—(well now, just look!

If this goes on at such a rate

This poetry will just be great.

A shady nook, a gentle rain

Splashing on the window pane,

A rose in bloom, a violet

(This thing will be a Poem yet.)

A house to clean, the rugs to beat,

And then to write a poem sweet,

Of birds, and bees, and butterflies,

(A perfect gem before your eyes.)

To read, for you to criticize.

The beds to make, the bread to bake,

(Perhaps the children get a shake.)

Dishes polished to such high degree

They look like Porcelain Pottery.

Oh hail! ye Spring. But goodness me!

We've had enough of hail from thee.

But come, ye birds, and flowers gay,

And come real soon, but come to stay.

Oh, tiny buds in cradles gray;

Oh, flowers and fruit that will come  
some day,

Oh, days of canning, and jelly and  
jams,

We welcome you with our fruit-  
stained hands.

Oh, joys of Spring; Oh, world so fair,

How gladly we are living where

There's work to do—what joy to be

Where everything is poetry.

Where health is wealth, and cheer-  
fulness

Fill days with joy and happiness,

Where sweet content and industry

Makes Life a bit of Poetry.

MRS. CALLIE ZIMMERMAN.

(With apologies to James Whitcomb  
Riley.)

Spring is Comin' 'Round This Way.

You take it here in Auburn about this  
time o' year,

When the Literary poets come from  
far and near,

An' you see the snow a-meltin' and  
the Blue Jay sings,

You better all get busy and get out  
your broom and pail,

An' haul away your ashes and your  
garbage old and stale,

An' gather up your old tin cans and  
scatter lime about,

Or The Civic League will get you if  
you don't watch out.

MRS. JOSEPHINE FOSDICK.

Oh, listen to my tale of spring,

The grandest ever heard:

Oh, listen to the robins sing

And every kind of bird.

The oriole, the nightingale

Fly from the southland warm,

The blue birds perch upon the rail

Their concert to perform.

The cuckoo and the whip-poor-will

The bo-o-link—Oh, look!

With music sweet the air they fill,

The warbler and the lark.

The humming bird, the thrasher brown,

The mourning dove so sad,

The goldfinch with its yellow crown,

All come to make us glad.

Oh, feel, Oh, feel the balmy air

Laden with sweet of daffodils,

The hyacinth, the crocus fair,

The violet side of the rills.

The anemone, so fair and pale,

The hypatica so sweet,

We go to hunt them in the dale,

Our eyes with joy they greet.

The marigold, the trillium,

The dog-tooth violet,

The lady-slippers, yes, they come.

I can smell their fragrance yet.

With grass so green and skies so blue,

With birds and blossoms rare,

How happy we, with this so true,

Let's banish every care.

WINIFRED E. DENNISON.

Whither doth now this fellow flee  
With out-stretched arms, at such  
mad pace?

Can the young rascal thinking be  
To catch a glimpse of April's face?

March—MRS. ALICIA BARNES.

Dec. 19th.

Let's see, I got six tons before that big  
snow.

And then I got seven, 'bout nine weeks  
ago

Just now I've bought two tons; my  
bill is immense

If Spring would just come it would  
stop that expense.

March 19th.

Spring is approaching, it gladdens my  
soul

I've saved all my money and paid for  
that coal

I'm glad that Spring's coming and you  
can just bet

That when Spring really gets here, I'll  
be gladder yet.

April 19th.

O, I've bought a lawn mower and new  
window screens

For expense, there's no season like  
Spring, so it seems;

And that isn't all, for there's one other  
thing

I've that cold in my head that comes  
in with the Spring.

Man's Spring—MRS. HELEN GREEN.



#### Ascent of the Matterhorn.

Dr. Jordan's lecture Tuesday evening on his "Ascent of the Matterhorn" was intensely interesting. Any attempt to give in a paper even a brief account would be in vain. We well remember when a few years ago the daily papers brought the news that an American had been severely hurt on the Matterhorn in Switzerland. Then when the news came that our own W. W. Spangler was one of the party, with Gilbert and Dr. Jordan of our university, the interest was intensified. Jordan's lecture described this. The Matterhorn is one of the most difficult in the world to ascend. There are many higher mountains—many too high to be climbed, but this one is difficult because of the bare, crumbling rocks and steep sides. Only a few persons have reached its top. But this party succeeded; yet on coming down, a stone was loosened which, flying over Dr. Jordan's head, struck Gilbert who was ahead of him, knocking him off a cliff and out of sight for a moment. As the party were fastened together by a strong rope, they were able to reach him. He was badly out on the head, his life being saved by his stiff hat. Covered with blood and half unconscious, he was first led, then carried, down the sides of the rocks, where it was difficult for strong men to go without such a burden. They reached a small but under the shelving rocks and laid him on the straw within. Spangler and Jordan lay down, one on each side of the injured man, to keep him warm, for it was very cold up there. Two guides staid with them, while the rest of the party went down the mountain. It was a night of terrible suffering, but the next day they were rescued by a party from below. Gilbert recovered, but none of them care to repeat the terrible trip. The attendance was good, for our people have come to know that whenever the L. L. C. give an entertainment, it will be an excellent one.

#### DR. JORDAN'S LECTURE.

By eight o'clock Tuesday evening, a fine audience of two hundred people had gathered at the Presbyterian church to hear Dr. Jordan on the "Ascent of the Matterhorn." He appeared under the management of the Ladies' Literary Club, and was introduced by one of the members, Mrs. A. Lewis.

The speaker said, on August tenth, 1881, a party of Indiana mountain lovers who had been wandering about Zermatt for a day or two, determined to make the ascent of the Matterhorn. There were six in the party; Dr. Jordan, Prof. Gilbert, Wm. Spangler, librarian of the state university, Prof. M. B. Anderson, of Iowa, Mr. W. E. Beach, of LaFayette and Mr. Walter O. Williams, of Indianapolis. The Matterhorn is 14,800 feet high. It is a creature of the frost and sun. No glacier has worn its angles into curves. Its sides are too steep for snow to cling to. All

the snow that falls on it rolls down and off the sides, there to form great ice heaps at the bottom, the Furggen Matterhorn and Tiefenmatten glaciers. The Matterhorn stands in the altitude of perpetual frost, but bathed by the warm sunshine of Italy. On every clear day its rocky sides become warm in the sun. All ordinary clouds are below its summit, and each cloud that touches it covers its surface with a light snow. This snow melts again in the sunshine, and the water trickles in all the joints and clefts of the rocks. The nights grow intensely cold. The water freezes in these fissures and expanding pushes the outermost blocks nearer and nearer the edge of the precipice. At last a gust of wind, or a careless foot may cause one of these stones to topple over, and down it goes, carrying hundreds more with it till they plunge into the glacier at the foot splashing the ice like the ordinary stone splashes water. These stones are the dread of the mountaineer. Most high mountains are fashioned by the glaciers themselves, but the glacier has no hold on the Matterhorn. Glaciers make white domes of mountains; frost make black pinnacles and spires.

Before the party started up the mountain, led by the guide, John the Baptiste, they took a walk through the little graveyard at Zermatt—paused before the tombs of the first victims of the Matterhorn, Hadow, Hudson and Michel Croz, "for inspiration" they said, and some of them composed epitaphs which they have not used. Five French guides accompanied the party. The path up the mountain started out along a shelf about a foot wide. Above the path was a rock wall some ten feet; below was a slippery wall of rock, perhaps a hundred feet high at the foot of which lay Furggen glaciers. Guides and travelers were now tied together. Usually four or five are joined to one rope it being tied around the waist. Each one below must keep the rope stretched tight so that if one slips the others can keep him on his feet. Generally only one person moves at a time. After about twelve hours of hard work the party reached the top of the mountain, a large portion of the latter part of the journey being by climbing ropes hand over hand. The top of the mountain is a narrow crest laying east and west and about twenty by three feet. It is as cold as midwinter. The winds howl and whistle with wreckless carelessness and are liable to pick you up and hurl you over the precipice into eternity. No one dared to stand up. When everything is favorable the Mediterranean sea can be seen 200 miles away, but much of the time nothing can be seen but the sky above the little ridge on which you lay, and clouds beneath.

Going down the mountain is much more difficult than going up. This is due to the strain in stepping down and the danger in loosening rocks. The head of our column had reached the foot of one of the last ropes, when I heard a shout, "look out!" Suddenly it seemed all sunshine and hope had gone out of the mountain. A great rock fell some thirty feet, broke into several pieces, bounded over most of our heads one piece striking Prof. Gilbert in the face and knocking him off the cliff. He fell as far as the rope would let him. When we put him on his feet, his face was covered with blood from a deep cut like a sabre stroke across his forehead and nose. We tied all the silk handkerchiefs in the party about his head, but could not stop the flow of blood. His eyelid swelled till he could not see and at times he seemed half unconscious. At seven we reached the upper hut which is simply a pile of stones more like a den of some wild beast than a cabin. The hut was about ten by six feet and five feet high. Here we spent the night, 14,000 feet above sea level. Our clothes were wet and it was terribly cold. During the night, the wounded man, half unconscious, waked us with "Attention, ladies and gentlemen! Here we stop walking and take wheelbarrows." In the morning we rose early and succeeded in reaching the bottom in safety. Our welcome in the village was most enthusiastic. Everybody, English, German and French was delighted to see us, and the "Matterhorn-Besteiger" were the heroes of the hour. Prayers were offered in the chapel of Zermatt for the Queen of England and on our account, for President Garfield. When this lecture was delivered in a little village in Carroll county, an old farmer who sat on the front seat became more and more restless as the end of the lecture was neared. When he could stand it no longer, he whispered loud enough for nearly everyone to hear, in the ear of the man sitting next to him, "what in thunder were they up there for? The question was not answered then, nor will it be now. But it is a grand thing to be able to say you have climbed to the top of the most difficult mountain in the world. It is enough to wear the scalp of the Matterhorn at your belt.

—A few years ago Sir Richard Proctor came thousands of miles to see and talk with the great astronomer, Prof. Kirkwood, of the State University. Last Tuesday evening one of the greatest living scientists lectured in one of our churches and yet there were many who did not hear him. Dr. Jordan is the author of more than 250 scientific and literary papers and books.



## LINES

Recited at the Banquet of the Seventh Anniversary of the Ladies' Literary Club, held at Auburn, Indiana, April 23, 1889, by J. A. Barns, in response to the toast:

"I sing the Press; O sweet Enchantress, bring  
Fit inspiration for the theme I sing."  
JOHN GODFREY SAXE.

A company of matrons, staid,  
And damsels, wise as fair,  
Joined heart and hand, a learned band,  
Have offered up this prayer,  
That I should speak about the press,  
As 'twere some great affair.

And so 'tis done; or as good as done.  
In the face of Fate, who flies?  
Think not rash man, to oppose the plan,  
The L. L. C's devise;  
Think of cold fare; the cupboard bare,  
And a dearth of bread and pies!

Therefore I sing the Printing Press,  
(I suppose that's the press I'm to sing;)  
That sits in gloom, in a dingy room,  
A most unpoetic thing;  
A mere old matter of rollers and bed,  
And platen, and fountain and spring;

All ink and grease, and grime and dirt,  
From rounce, around to the fly,  
Where the pressman stands with skillful hands,  
And a quick and watchful eye,  
To send the white sheets singing through  
Like the hum of a lullaby.

And all grists come to this mill of ours,  
And into the hopper must go;  
The witling's pun, the joker's fun,  
The spite, the grief, the woe,  
The fancied wrong, the stealthy sin,—  
The crops, and how they grow;

The public pulse, and how it beats;  
And what the gossips say;  
And patriots meek who office seek;  
Or a "write" for the last new play;  
Or, railroad wrecks that have broken necks,  
Or a dun to make someone pay;

And wedded bliss or funeral grief,  
Or, burglars, breaking locks,  
With such like stuff,—and a fulsome puff  
For — Erebus & Nox.  
And from th'opposing editor,  
Must oftentimes knock the socks.

And social life in every phase,  
In homes, and streets, and highways,  
On printer's list is never missed,  
By hedges, lanes, or byways;  
Even L. L. C's must bend the knees,  
To the printing press' sly ways.

If Mrs. Zimmerman is staid,  
Mrs. Ralston, full of fun,  
If Miss Bodine, has gallants nine,  
And Julia Hodge has none—  
With afflicted Mrs. Davenport,  
How sympathize each one;—

If Alza has a smile for one  
And Mollie, for another,  
Up with a start, springs Alex. smart  
And raises quite a pothor,  
And wants the printing press to tell  
The glee he cannot smother.

If Mrs. Ensley wakes at five,  
And raises (old) Nick, at seven,  
If Mrs. Leas is fond of ease,  
And Lottie sleeps till 'leven,  
If Mrs. Emanuel henpecks Charles,  
So he can't get to heaven,—

If Mrs. Houser hurts her nose,  
If Mrs. Barns has snuffles,  
If Mrs. Lewis in a great stew is,  
If Mrs. Hodge wears ruffles,  
Some cute news sharp will nose them out  
As trained dogs nose out truffles.

If Mrs. Willis gets quite cross,  
And rails away at Moses,  
If Dr. Leasure takes great pleasure  
In gowns like Mrs. Rose's,  
If Mabel spends quite too much time  
In attitudes and poses,

If Dr. Swarts e'er fails to cure,  
If Mrs. Ehlers capers,  
If Mrs. Schaab dislikes a snob,  
If Miss McTighe has vapors,—  
Straightway Sir Gossip yells with might,  
"Let's put 'em in the papers!"

Thus on it goes, year in and out,  
All happenings, great and little,  
All things for all, the great, the small,  
In mass, and jot, and tittle;  
All seek the press, to stew them out  
Like Macbeth's witches' kettle.

And so, by day, and week, and year,  
As go the earth and sun,  
Do the wheels go 'round, with ceaseless sound  
For their race is never run;  
So long as the world demands the news  
Of what the world has done.

Oh! Press of Power, can pen of mine,  
Tell all thy deeds or duties?  
Thy powers unfold, since days of old,  
Or paint thy glowing beauties?  
Thy rhythmic strokes, to ears of ours,  
Are music, as a flute is.

Parties may rise, and parties fall,  
And governments dis sever.  
The price of stocks go down like rocks,  
In spite of brokers clever.  
But news will come,—and news must go;  
So, the Press goes on forever.



## ANNOUNCES SPRING

The program of the Ladies' Literary Club was prepared a year in advance. This is mentioned in preface to a brief review of the meeting held by this old and dignified institution Saturday in the Library Assembly Hall with an assigned program as follows:

"Civics"—Mrs. Geo. Schaab.

Original Lines on Spring—Club.

When Mrs. Schaab is given a subject that treats of city needs, something good is always expected, and she never disappoints. The paper on "Civics" is in keeping with past efforts and new honors are added unto her. The paper follows:

"It was a great many years after I had first noticed the words 'Civics and Ethics,' that I had any occasion to distinguish between the two, for although those of you who have clearly defined them, agree that there is a close resemblance, one to the other. There is yet a clear distinction, and as I understand the committee's decree, I am to deal only with the citizens' duties merely as a resident, who wishes his surroundings to be comfortable, healthful and if he may be able to secure such condition, beautiful. And indeed, the latter is but a sequel to the two formers, for is not cleanliness next to Godliness, and is not Godliness beauty? Always, since the creation, the more civilized a people became, the more they have sought to surround themselves with conditions pleasing to the eye and conducive to the health, happiness of their respective communities. It has been the history of every people from the early Egyptians on down through the Roman supremacy to our own time, that no sooner has a village attained the power to do so than some moving spirit sees the necessity of a 'Village Improvement Society' and the same is launched upon the sea of finance to fail or succeed, as the residents themselves prosper or retrograde. I see here today among the older club members several who probably remember very distinctly one of the earliest edicts of Auburn's village improvement society, namely: No cow was longer to graze upon the streets, and pigs must be confined upon the premises of the owners. You very young citizens can scarcely imagine with what amazement such a very audacious command was received by the cow owners and the autocrat who owned a pig. The town was rent asunder and the very next election had for its slogan, Cow or No Cow. No Cow gained the day and immediately friendships were broken and a spirit of revenge was engendered compared to which, wet and dry, of late years is only a comparison. And for

years afterward, one of the duties of the children or the invalid of the family, or the wife of the mere meek and lowly spirit, might be seen 'minding the cow' along Auburn's main streets, and forming upon the memories of those who recall them, a picture dear to those of us who knew the 'minder.' The pig gradually went backward into the lots until for some years I believe none are allowed in the city, unless they have ceased to root, and are sought by bankers, bond owners, etc., at twenty cents per. Such is fate. Let us not be discouraged. Sometime, somewhere, our value must and will be acknowledged as rooters and boosters for a more beautiful Auburn. I draw the veil of forgetfulness over the years following the cow ordinance, the agitation for sewerage, electric lights, paving, etc., followed rapidly each in its turn, having its advocates and its opposers, and each as was right and to Auburn's advantage being successfully installed. And now to us, these are only what the old oaken bucket and the tallow dip were to our fore-

fathers. We have achieved what seemed the necessities, may we not with equal zeal strive for some of the things which go far toward creating a satisfaction and a fondness for our surroundings. It is the small things in life after all that seem to be within our reach. The sentiment we may create, the example we may set, the stand we may take upon certain questions of public import—all these go far indeed, when an object is to be attained. Much might be done today by the women of Auburn who love the beautiful lawns, if together they should say to the butcher, the baker and the candlestick maker: 'Please stay on the walks; do not "cut across" to my neighbor's, neither from my neighbor's to me. Please do not drive your wagons onto my parkings, nor let your horse browse on my trees while he waits.' To the rag man: 'Would you mind driving to the alley in the rear of my home rather than to my parlor door, while you collect your odorous load of rags and bones.' We might lift up our voices against the crime of the tree butcher and say to our council: 'You must in the interest of beautiful Auburn and the coming generation, license the tree trimmers.' We might create a sentiment which would cause the householders to hesitate ere he dumped his ashes and his tin cans onto our cross street, many of them almost ruined by this untidy habit. And the unsightly telephone pole! Is there one immediately before your favorite window? And don't you believe that ere many years pass that the esthetic citizen will see to it that all wires are put underground? I most certainly do, and I also believe that in the years to come the garbage question will be settled, that our sidewalks will be straightened, and that the dwellers upon Jackson street will not rear their homes upon the lines of a cemented Indian trail. Larger cities

are talking playgrounds and boulevards beautiful river banks, parks and park systems, smoke crusade. Might we not have one park, which might be park and playground together? This city already owns some acres of wooded land adjacent to the south side, which if cleaned of the accumulated rubbish and the brush burned off, would make an ideal place for a summer stroll, and a more becoming approach to God's acre. These are some of the many things which might, I believe, be easily accomplished. Sentiment and a beginning being first aids, let us, as the spring advances and our lawns put on their freshness, altogether and with one accord, say to our delivery men, milk men and paper boys: 'Keep off the grass.' Then let us see if we cannot secure united effort to rid our lawns of the dandelion, which, like the smallpox, seems no respecter of person or premises. Small use to clear your own lawn if your neighbor be not inclined to do the same. If we can be successful in accomplishing even one of these things, the way may be opened to greater, and our city and our people made the better and the happier for our having been one among them. Even great corporations, like railroads, and great manufacturing institutions, like the Pullman plant, believe that beautifying their belongings add much to the interest taken by their employees. Almost all transcontinental lines now garden the strips of land adjacent to their tracks. Beauty is an asset, and the corporations are coming to resent the insinuation that they care only for the might dollar. The men who direct these great systems are nature lovers and take some of them, a personal interest in the work. Some of the roads maintain nurseries, where shrubs and plants are grown for the road gardens. One road, I believe it is the Pennsylvania, maintains a forestry reserve at the head of which is an expert forester, and every employee, especially the station agent, is asked to add his mite to the beauty of the road, and who would not, if it were possible, prefer to ride along a road where we might have glimpses of sweet peas and pansy beds, rather than tin cans and the inevitable rubbish heaps which were wont to grace the station yards. What can be done by one, can be done by another. Shall we begin now to further plans for a more beautiful Auburn?"





MRS. CHARLOTTE EMERSON BROWN.

*First President General Federation Women's Clubs.*



# STATE FEDERATION WOMEN'S CLUBS

Will Meet in the First M.  
E. Church—Auburn,  
October 23.

We publish in full the program of the meeting this week, on Wednesday Thureday and Friday.

## Programme.

Wednesday, October 23.

3:30 p. m. Directors meeting.

8:00 p. m. Reception tendered to all officers, speakers, delegates, alternates and club visitors, at the home of Dr and Mrs I. O. Buchtel.

Thursday a. m. October 24.

8:30 to 9:30 Presentation of credentials and registration. Credential committee will be in parlor of the church.

9:30 Federation called to order.  
Invocation, Mrs Mary Ehlers  
Organ Solo Miss Flora L. Hoffman  
Addresses of Welcome Mayor Don A. Garwood, Mrs Rose E. Husselman, president of Ladies' Literary Club.

Response, Miss Minnetta T. Taylor, Second Vice-president, I. F. W. C.

President's Address, Mrs Rose E. Husselman.

President's address, Mrs Jane Mc. M. Smith of South Bend.

Reports, Recording Secretary, Mrs C. H. Wood; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs E. G. Kettering; Treasurer, Mrs Allica H. Barns.

Roll call of clubs

Three minute reports from representatives of Constituent Clubs.

Thursday Afternoon.

2:00 Program by Federation Departments.  
Organ Solo Miss Flora L. Hoffman  
Greetings from educational guests.

## Educational

Report—Chairman, Mrs Virginia S. Patterson, Monday club, Kokomo.

Address—Manual Training in the Public Schools, Mrs J. G. Carter, Woman's club, Muncie.

## Reciprocity

Report—Chairman, Mrs. Alice N. Mummert, Beacon Lights club, Goshen.

Address—The Making of Club Programs and Reciprocity, Mrs Charles Millsbaugh, Chairman Reciprocity, Illinois Fed, Chicago.

## Philanthropic

Report—Chairman, Mrs C. C. Shafer, Auburn Culture Club.

Address—Philanthropy Among Club Women, Mrs C. B. Jones, Garrett.

Thursday Evening

8:30 Musicales.

Vocal Solo, Mrs Maude Robbins

Piano Solo, Mrs Flora Jones

Vocal Solo, Miss Anne Listenberger

Lecture—Tolstoi, Miss Jane Adams, Hull House, Chicago.

Friday a. m. October 25

9:30 Federation business.

Election of officers.

Election of delegates to California Biennial.

Reports of committees, on program, credential, auditing, revision of by-laws, resolutions, and time and place of meeting 1902.

Three minute suggestions on new line of work—

"What can we do for Indiana?" by individual clubs.

12:30—Luncheon—The Hostess clubs.

Friday Afternoon

2:00 Musicales.

Vocal Solo Miss Maud Trover  
Piano Duet, Mrs Garwood and Mrs Jones.

Vocal Solo Miss Nellie Frank  
Address—Art in School-room, Miss Caroline McCulloch, Art League, Muncie.

Address—Indiana Laws Affecting Women, State's Attorney George E. Clarke, South Bend.

Friday Evening

8:00 o'clock.

Violin Solo (Mazurka - De Concert, by Ovide Musin) Dr I. O. Buchtel, accompanied by Mrs D. A. Garwood

Lecture—The Birth of the Consumer's Conscience, Mrs Ellen M. Henrotin Chicago, Honorary President Gen. F. W. C.

Piano Solo Mrs D. A. Garwood  
A Sketch in White and Black—Kipley and Dunbar, Mrs May Donally Kelso, director of the Kelso School of Musical and Dramatic Art, Chicago.  
Kipling songs, Miss Anne Listenberger, South Bend.

## FEDERATION NOTES

Mrs C. C. Shaffer will entertain Mrs Studebaker and Miss Listenberger of South Bend.

Mrs Clifton will entertain at the Swineford, Mrs E. G. Kettering of South Bend.

Miss Nellie Buckley's guest will be Mrs Mary E. Cardwell of New Albany.

Mrs P. D. West will have for her guest Miss Minnetta Taylor of Greencastle.

Mrs D. A. Hodge has for her guests Mrs Kime and Mrs Alice Leininger of Kendallville.

Mrs J. E. Rose's guests are Mrs Jameson and Mrs Margaret Weinstein of Kendallville.

Mrs T. M. Guild of Huntington, an honorary member is here, a guest of Mr and Mrs F. T. Zimmerman.

Mrs N. Ensley of Indianapolis an honorary L. L. C., and Mrs Gillette of the Lagrange Womans' Club are guests of Mrs I. M. Zent.

The fine art display has arrived and will be ready for inspection tomorrow at the M. E. church. It will be well worth seeing and all are welcome.

Mrs Chas Clapp and Mrs Elza Shaffer, of Albion reached here at noon.

Mrs Sheppard and Mrs Bosworth of Vincennes are guests of Mrs Emanuel.

Mrs Agnew of Valparaiso is at the Swineford, being the guest of Mrs Caruth.

At Dr Buchtel's the guests will be Mr and Mrs O. F. Gerber, Mr and Mrs W. B. Inks and Mrs R. B. McKahan, all of Ligonier.

Guests of Mrs Morris Eckhart will be Mrs Wilber Draper and Miss Laura Dunning of Ligonier.

The first delegates come from Muncie at noon, Mrs Stewart, Mrs Cohn, Mrs C. M. Carter and Mrs Sample. Mrs Tracy from Hartford.

Among the arrivals of delegates on the 3 p. m. train are, Mrs Gillett, Mrs Belden and Mrs Gibson of Lagrange Mrs Dora Hill, Miss Jessie Lee, Mrs Leib, Mrs Lambright, Mrs Jameson, Mrs McKann and Mrs Dr A. J. Carper, of Elkhart; Mrs C. C. Browand, Mrs Emma Kime, Mrs Weinstein, and Mrs Leininger of Kendallville; Mrs DeVand, Mrs Ralph Smith, Mrs M. Hughes, of South Bend.

Mrs Barns will have for one of her guests, Mrs Virginia S. Patterson of Kokomo.



# At Rest.

Mary Cunningham, beloved wife of Hon. E. D. Hartman, after many months of great suffering went to her rest from her home in Auburn, Indiana, Dec. 18, 1888. Her "earthly house of this tabernacle being dissolved," she has "a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." Mrs. Hartman is not dead. Her body which came into existence September 23, 1844, in Williams county, Ohio, she has left behind her, as one leaves a worn out garment. Her natural life has departed but the spiritual life into which she came in early youth has taken on the fullness of knowledge and enjoyment. Having been born again into the kingdom of God, the dual life of body and soul went on together to the end. In the beginning of her christian experience, Mrs. Hartman was a member of the Methodist church, but after her marriage to Capt. Hartman October 15, 1868, she united with the Presbyterian church and remained identified with that body through the rest of her natural life. Mrs. Hartman was active in all departments of Christian work. She had much practical good sense, and such natural ability in the management of details that she became deservedly a leader in all church enterprises. In society also, she was a leader. She was one of those, who in 1882, organized the "Ladies' Literary Club," and was elected its first president. So long as she retained strength she was an active and enthusiastic worker, and when failing health compelled her to relinquish its duties, she still regarded it and its members with love and sympathy. Hers is the first death which has occurred among the members and ex-members of the club and in that circle of familiar friends she will long be remembered and mourned.

Farewell! Farewell!

Dear friend, farewell!

No more thy voice like music's swell

Shall fall upon our waiting ear,

Farewell! Farewell!

Oh friend sincere, farewell.

As a wife and mother, she was tender and loving. To her children she showed great gentleness and patience. As a neighbor, she was helpful and kind. Her heart, quickened into sympathy by divine love, responded to every call for kindness and assistance. In the supreme crisis of existence when life leaves the material body and goes to its place, the great question is "What has she done" but "What was she." No one who knew Mrs. Hartman could doubt that she was a child of God; and through faith had laid hold on "Eternal Life," which in the words of our Savior is to know "Thee the true God and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent." As she realized more and more, that the change which we call death is only transition, it came to have less terror. To die meant to enter

upon a fuller life where she should serve her Master more perfectly and although this life was sweet to her and remained so to the end, though she would have been glad to live for the sake of husband, home and friends, especially for the sake of those children who will never find another friend so tender, patient and forbearing, yet when the message came to this Mary, "The Master is come and calleth for thee" she went nothing doubting. She has left weakness and pain, temptation and sorrow behind with her natural body which was laid to rest amid many tears. Her friends will cherish memories of her as sweet as the flowers which loving hands dropped upon the coffin.

Farewell! Farewell!

Dear friend farewell!

This life is past, but who can tell

How glorious that life may be,

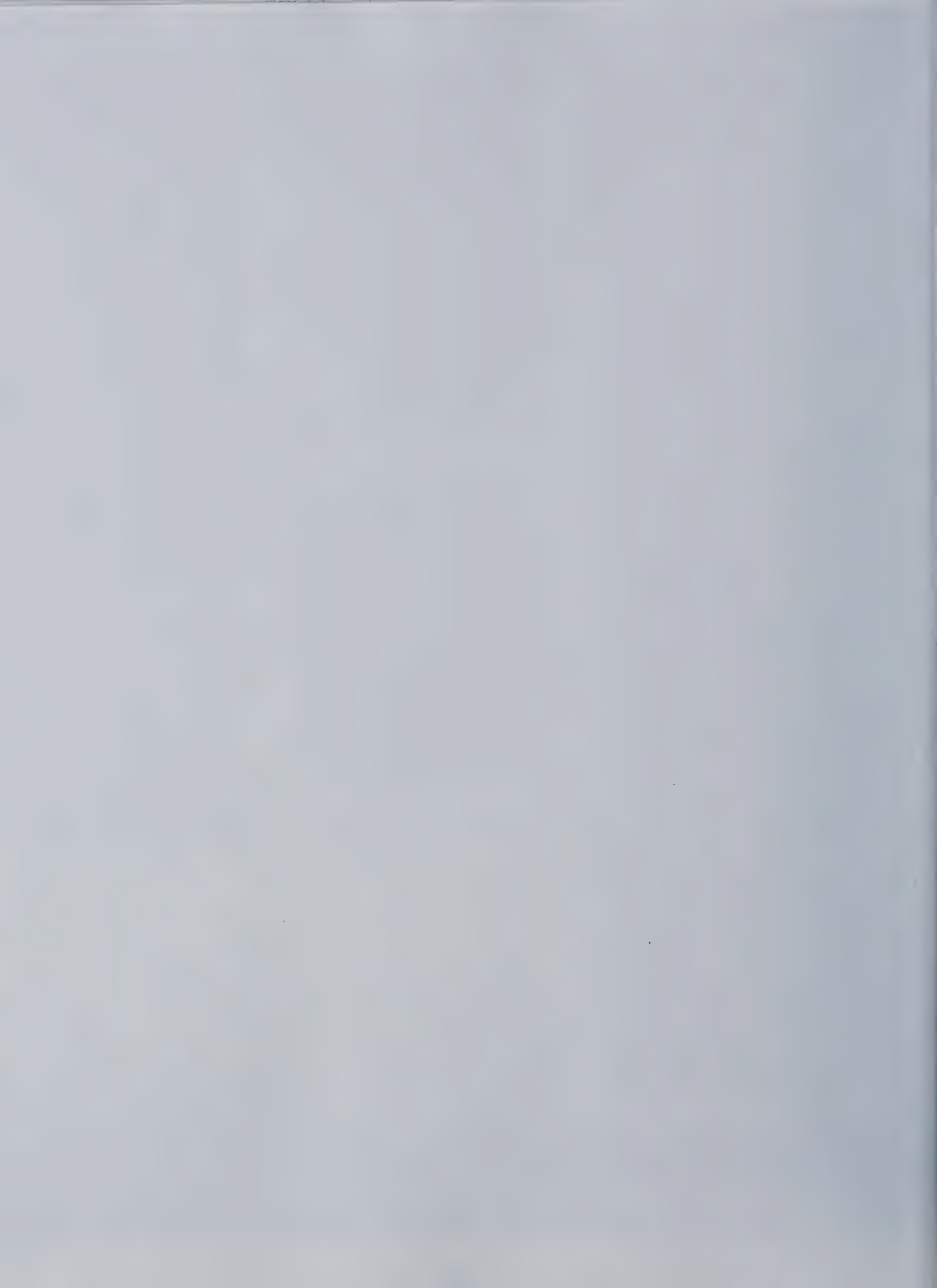
How full of love and joy for thee.

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There was an unusually large attendance at the funeral of Mrs. Hartman last Thursday. The entire body of the church was filled with ladies, while the rear portions were occupied by the gentlemen, mostly our business men. The prayer by Rev. Lamport was full of earnestness and pathos, and Mr. Sawyer's sermon has seldom been equaled here. All seemed to feel the unusual solemnity of the occasion. The members of the L. L. C. were there in a body, to show their respect and sorrow, for their first member who has passed away since their organization nearly seven years ago. They brought beautiful flowers to decorate her coffin, and at the cemetery each threw a floral offering no the casket. The W. R. C. also were present in a body and brought some beautiful floral tributes to the memory of their deceased sister.

# Mrs. Hartman.

The obituary of Mrs. Hartman which we publish to-day was prepared by Mrs. Julia E. M. Hodge, at the request of the ladies of the L. L. C. It is most fitting that her obituary should be written by a member of this literary club, of which she was a charter member and first president. It is a worthy tribute to a most worthy woman. In early life Mrs. Hartman had been a teacher in the schools at Bryan, a work for which she had a great taste. After her marriage, and when she came to reside at Waterloo she joined the Presbyterian church of which her husband was a member. In 1871 they removed to South Bend, but returned in 1873 and located in Auburn. Here her activity and energy both found ample opportunity for good, in this, then, feeble church. During the building of the present edifice, she was president of the ladies' society, which so greatly aided in the work. She was afterward frequently chosen similar positions, as in the ladies' missionary society, of which she was the head for many years; of the Coral Workers and other societies. One year ago she was made president of the county Sunday school convention that met at Waterloo, and was a delegate to the state S. S. convention. She was also a member of the W. C. T. U. and the W. R. C. in both of which she always held a leading place as long as her health permitted. In short she was always ready to give her influence and assistance to any worthy cause, in the church or out of it. But the church was dear to her above all else. Her heart was in its work and its prosperity. As long as health permitted she was always present at prayer, and other services, and was always willing to do her full share of all that was to be done. In her death the community has lost a valuable member. She leaves a husband, daughter and two sons, in whose sad bereavement all sympathize.



## THE SESSION LAST EVENING

### The Great State Meeting Closes in a Blaze of Glory

Last evening was the last session of the Federation and a great audience gathered at the church for they knew there was much enjoyment to come. And they were not disappointed, except in the absence of Mrs Hernotin. In her place came Miss Dietrickson, a Norwegian lady who is connected with the University at Greencastle. She has recently visited her native country and so brings here its latest ideas and conditions. She is also a singer of remarkable ability and the songs she gave in her native tongue, though not understood, were very pleasing. She also sang two or three in English, which were well received. Her talk was bright and witty and though her speech was broken a little she was generally well understood. It was something new and valuable for she gave many new ideas as to her country.

The first number of the evening was the piano solo by Mrs Garwood, which somewhat changed the order of the printed program, as Dr Buchtel was first. But Mrs Garwood always captivates her audience by her masterful playing, no matter what part of the program she comes in. This was one of her most delightful pieces. She was followed by Miss Listenberger with several vocal solos, being Kipling's songs.

Dr Buchtel gave one of his exquisite violin solos and was encored. He is always popular.

Mrs May Donnally Kelso of the Kelso school of musical and dramatic art, Chicago took the second half of the evening. It was a grand entertainment as she is not only a fine dramatic reader, but a singer of high order. Her first numbers were of Kipling's songs and extracts from his songs and extracts from his works. Then she gave some darkey selections that were of unusual merit.

The president, Mrs Smith then dismissed the Federation in a few brief words. All went to their homes with a happy frame of mind for the meeting had been an unqualified success.

hours in reading borrowed books. Edison while a railroad newsboy read books and made experiments in chemistry and afterwards as telegraph operator he began experiments in electricity which have made him the most useful man of our age.

The youthful mind must have access to good, first class reading matter at a time when reading will be a valuable, lifelong benefit.

To this end the "Auburn Culture Club" gives its spare time and money to establish a Free Public Library in our city under the benign law of our state for that purpose, and to have it filled with choice literature. We can suggest no better object for the general and common good of the state than that. The reading of proper books at the receptive threshold of life, creates in the mind the best ideas of true manly worth, and will stimulate the practice of those civic virtues which give character and worth to our political institutions.

What work can the Federation engage in that will be productive of better results than to encourage and establish a Free Public Library in every town and city in our state. And where such Libraries are established their proper management and control will always continue to be an object worthy of great care and

Miss Taylor reported no change in by laws.

Mrs Bryan reported for the committee on resolutions.

The next meeting will be at Greencastle in October 1902.

By a rising vote the thanks of the Federation were given the hostess clubs and the citizens of Auburn for the courtesies and hospitalities so liberally and gracefully shown to the Federation.

A brilliant series of three-minute talks on Indiana subjects followed. Among these was the able address of Mrs P. D. West, president of the Auburn Culture Club.

At noon they adjourned to enjoy the elegant luncheon given by the hostess clubs, and prepared by the M. E. ladies in the church basement.

Conlogue of Kendallville, Mrs Perry Turner of Elkhart.

Treasurer, Mrs Jameson of Kendallville.

Alternates: Miss Ethel Brady of Muncie, Mrs L. N. Agnew of Valparaiso Mrs T. D. Ader of Greencastle, Miss Laura Ober of Auburn, Mrs W. O. Vallette of Goshen.

The president read the program of the coming biennial meeting in California and report of program committee.

Third vice president, Alicia H. Barns of Auburn.

Recording secretary, Mrs H. B. Bryan of Lagrange.

Corresponding secretary, Mrs E. G. Kettering of South Bend.

## THE FEDERATION AT WORK

### NOTES

The first of this session was devoted to Federation business in which was included the election of officers. These are:

President, Mrs Jane McM. Smith of South Bend, re-elected.

First vice president, Mrs Joslin of Greencastle.

Second vice president, Miss Minnetta Taylor of Greencastle, re-elected.

Committee on national delegates, Mrs West, chairman, reported; Mrs Mary Stull Studebaker of South Bend, Mrs Rose Stewart of Muncie, Mrs H. B. Bryan of Lagrange, Miss Harriet

Jane Addams, the universally known and popular lady of Hull House, Chicago and also to enjoy the fine music, the program promised which was more than filled.

The vocal solo by Mrs Maude Robbins was one of her best, and sweetest and proved her the peer of the best talent in the country.

Then came the piano solo by Mrs. Flora Thompson Jones of this place, which was a very fine one and she was called again. Miss Listerberger of South Bend, rendered a vocal solo and was called back, both pieces showing her to be a lady of great ability in this line.

Miss Jane Addams was then introduced and delivered her great lecture on "Tolstoi" the famous Russian author and reformer. It gave her hear-



The L. L. C. were last Saturday invited to meet at the residence of Mrs. Hodge, and about fifteen of them chartered a bus and went out there. They were entertained in the best manner, as might be expected, and they enjoyed the visit and the kind attentions of their hostess who is herself one of the club's most active members. Besides the social feature, they had their usual literary exercises, which we are told were excellent and very instructive. One of the subjects discussed was "China and its People," and many new and valuable facts in regard to this strange people were brought to light.

### Delightful Social Function.

On Saturday afternoon, Mrs. D. A. Hodge entertained the ladies of the L. L. C. at their regular meeting at her home on South Main street. At 4:30 the ladies were joined by the ladies of the Reading Club, both clubs being invited to remain for the tea party.

After a delightful social session the ladies found their places, at the small tables placed throughout the room, by dainty place-cards which contained an appropriate quotation, and were decorated with sweet peas. A dainty and delicious four-course luncheon was served by Mrs. Hodge assisted by Mrs. Hubert Hartman, Miss Hodge of Waterloo and Miss Jessie Aber.

This party was in the nature of a farewell entertainment for these clubs, to each of which Mrs. Hodge belonged, as she expects to leave within the next month or two for Seattle, Wash., where they will make their future home.

The L. L. C. was given a nice lunch this afternoon by Mrs. Sproutt at whose home this last meeting was held. A profusion of flowers made the rooms lovely, and a delicious luncheon helped add to the enjoyments of another of the many delightful meetings of this popular club.

### Club Notes.

The L. L. C. met at the home of Mrs. Maud Robbins and the entire program was given as printed. The first paper "Working under water," was given by Miss Margaret Buckley and was a fine description of the work of the divers and their outfits.

"United States Harbors," was an interesting paper by Mrs. Nettie Eckhart. She gave an interesting account of the principal harbors of our country. Mrs. Ford's paper the first she has been able to give this club year, was most excellent and entertaining, and was given in the form of a story, subject: "A dollar and a ten dollar dinner." This brought out a fine discussion, all the members becoming interested and taking a part. Mrs. Sproutt gave a fine paper on "The Paris Exposition," full of good things, and left us all with the wish we could see with our own eyes the things she so vividly described. Next Saturday being guest day, the club decided that each member be allowed one guest and that the meeting be held with Mrs. Josie Brown.

Mrs. Worden of Albion, the guest of Mrs. Guild, was present as a visitor.

### Club Notes.

The second guest day of the L. L. C. for the club year was held at the home of Mrs. Lackey last Saturday. Quite a goodly number were present, although several of the members were absent on account of sickness, and the program was not fully carried out as printed on that account. Character Study—James Barrie, was given by Mrs. Guild, this was followed by a discussion by the members. "Review of the Little Minister," by Miss Hague was enjoyed by all. Miss Margaret Buckley gave a paper entitled "A Mad Rush for Popularity." This was followed by a discussion by both members and guests. The meeting was adjourned for a social hour, during which time light refreshments were served, consisting of raisins, nut cakes and Russian tea. The club will meet with Mrs. Hortense Robbins next Saturday.

## MRS. D. A. HODGE

### Entertained Ladies' Literary Club and Reading Club.

The Ladies' Literary club held its regular weekly session at the home of Mrs. D. A. Hodge on South Main street Saturday afternoon. The invitation from Mrs. Hodge to meet at her home included "to remain for tea," and not only was it unanimously accepted with pleasure by the club but almost every member responded in person.

The president called the meeting to order at the usual time and after roll call, minutes and the business of the afternoon, the lesson was taken up, led by Mrs. Hippensteel, which included a magazine article and history review. For the literary work, Miss Lilly McTigue read a paper, subject, "Heronies Without Laurels." Criticisms and adjournment to meet in one week with Mrs. A. J. Ralston.

A short social session followed during which time arrangements were perfected for the entertainment of the Athena club of Garrett, next Saturday. At the same time the members of the Reading club, of which Mrs. Hodge is also a member, were received and ere long the nearly sixty guests were found seated at tables and enjoying a most appetizing four course "tea" with the following menu.

First Course—Fruit, strawberries, oranges and pineapple.

Second Course—Salmon loaf, with dressing, creamed potatoes, bread and butter sandwiches, radishes, olives and pickles.

Third Course—Chicken salad and wafers.

Fourth Course—Ice cream cake and coffee.

The tables were especially pretty decked in snowy garb and sprays of green with favours of sweet peas. The sentiments found on each place card were read after the last course had been served and, owing to an impending storm, the departures were rather hastily made.

Mrs. Hodge expects to soon leave Auburn for her new home in Seattle, Wash., and for this reason her doors were opened at this time for the reception of the two clubs of which she is an active and highly esteemed member and the severing of these pleasant associations so soon—and which were uppermost in the minds of the members,—were the only mars of the occasion. Mrs. Hodge has spent her lifetime in our city and it is with the deepest regret of our people that destiny has so willed that she and her estimable family must locate elsewhere. They expect to leave for their western home about the first of July.



## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

An Interesting Letter from a Former Auburn Lady.

ONTARIO, CAL. Oct. 24, 1888.

The L. L. C. Auburn Ind.:—

I find in California that time rolls on and on perfectly regardless of all my good intentions and resolves; and to-day I find that it is almost impossible to make myself believe that more than a year has been added to the pages of history since last we met. If the remaining years of my life are passed in this land of the setting sun, and they all roll by so quickly, I am afraid that I will be unable to account for the time I have spent on these golden shores. The seasons here are so near alike that one month repeats itself time and again. I think of you all to-day in your several homes, sitting by the pleasant October fire, and possibly the wind howling just a little around the corners to remind you of the white winter following close. While I find myself dressed in white with doors and windows all open, and the thermometer just 92 in the shade, I imagine I hear you all saying "how very warm," but there you are mistaken, the heat here is always tempered by a cool refreshing breeze from the grand old Pacific. But there is one thing here at this time of year that I sadly miss, and that is the beautiful autumn leaves. I think of them every day and wish some good eastern wind would blow me a few to my southern sunny home. Every thing here is green the year round except the peach, pear and apricot trees. But I miss none of the attractions that I left in the east more than the L. L. C. I am with you in thought on Saturday afternoon, but far from you in person. How far only those can know who have traversed this country of ours. Sometimes when I think of you all together doing your good work, I wish I could be with you and hear it all, but the remembrance of all the years I was with you gives me much pleasure, and will always remain a bright picture that hangs in the halls of my memory. It has been said by great travelers that no one is competent to express a decided opinion of California until they have spent a year within its gates. Well, I am not a great traveler as you all know, but I have been in this land of fruit, climate, scenery and sunny skies a year this month, and although I may not be competent to describe to you the country as a traveler could that has had the opportunity of comparison, yet I believe that I can give to you a just opinion.

This part of the state has been called by tourists "The Switzerland of America," but tourists who have confined their travels only to America, in order to appreciate that term would necessarily have to visit California during the winter season. A flying trip through

the state of a few days or weeks only gives one a very faint idea of the real beauties to be found here, and another mistake that visitors frequently make, is confining themselves to one place too closely. Every town and city has its attractions, and they vary one place from the other. In my opinion I think the most beautiful time of year here is from the first of January to the first of May, then indeed "God reigns." It is beautiful beyond comparison to any thing I ever saw. The ground every place, that is not under thorough cultivation is one solid mass of flowers. Now I suppose to you, that seems impossible, but it is a fact, and a lovely,

glorious fact, the flowers grow wild and are beautiful beyond description, and there are hundreds in variety. They are nothing like the wild flowers in the east. I am not given to wild imaginings when I tell you that a person walking over the open fields could crush dozens of flowers at every step, the number crushed being according to the size of the foot, and they grow up to the very wagon track, you find yourself in a perfect wilderness of beauty.

My favorite wild flower is the poppy. It is of a bright orange, and its bloom is of different sizes. It is very remarkable for its beauty, having four petals which are bright and glossy like satin, and frequently we see a bed of them comprising acres of ground and can be seen for miles owing to their brilliant color. The cultivated flowers are also very beautiful and grow and bloom in great profusion. The rose and geranium are especially adapted to this country and we frequently see the latter four and five feet high and a living mass of bloom. The roses are beyond description; they must be seen to be appreciated, and yet they are so common and bloom the year round, but they never grow old to me. I often pick a great bouquet of them and think of you all as I arrange them, imagining what your exclamations of wonder and delight would be, if I could place them on a table before you. You have often sent to Ft. Wayne to the florist for choice roses, but they cannot equal the beauties of this sunny clime. We even make hedges of them and they are a barrier of rare beauty. We also have hedges of calla lilies and geraniums, as well as the thick green cypress. We even have so many flowers here that we plant them in the streets between the shade trees, and they are perfectly safe as nothing is ever allowed to run at large here. Indeed I would consider it a great luxury to look on a real genuine pig again, even if it were rooting up nature's fairest blossoms, as they are few and far between here. The hills and mountains are always a study to me, and I never tire of them. The Sierra Madre to the north and east of us, and the chain of green hills to the south, stand like towering sentinels over us, while we are basking in the sunshine of the broad, fertile valley

below. There is always something new to be found in them. Sometimes they look only a half mile from us, although they are eight miles north of us, and sixty miles to the east, the latter looks to be only a short distance from us generally. They are covered with a thick, green brush and tall pine trees. It is quite an interesting sight to see the clouds hanging far below the mountains reaching nearly to the moon sometimes, and the snow-capped peaks rising high above them. But what interested me more than anything, was on days that it was raining, and of

course, cloudy here in the valley, to see the tops of the mountains through the broken clouds with the sun shining brightly upon them. If I am as well and strong next summer as I am now, I expect to scale "Old Baldy," the highest peak here, whose summit reaches a little over 11,000 feet above the level of the sea. A great many ladies made the trip this summer and report a very enjoyable time.

We spent two weeks in San Antonio canyon this summer and I never enjoyed anything more. We camped about 8,000 feet above the sea level and were hemmed in on every side by mountains. The air was fine, so very

light and pure, and we never felt fatigue in the least. We slept every night under two heavy comforts. The scenery is charming there. Every day one can take a different route and find something new and interesting. The waterfalls are very picturesque and the mountain stream from whence we get our water supply, flows rushing and roaring through the canyon, (always reminding me of the poem in the old Fifth Reader, entitled, "How the water comes down at Lodore,") down to the great tunnel, and into huge iron and cement pipes distributing itself over the valley on rich raisin and wine vineyards, orange and lemon orchards, tropical gardens and trees of all kinds. The pressure is very strong and everything is irrigated either by hose or ditches. Such a thing as a pump is unknown in this country. I have never seen but one since I have been here, and that was about five miles from Ontario, and I insisted upon getting out of the carriage and pumping awhile just to see if I had forgotten how, but Mr. C. thought I had better put off the experiment until I visit Indiana.



We are looking forward to a very pleasant winter and are expecting crowds of visitors from the east, and I do not wonder at them coming to this warm climate for it is certainly very health giving. The days are warm, bright and balmy, and for days together we do not need a fire even in the coldest months. The gardeners bring fresh vegetables of all kinds to the door the year round, and ripe strawberries can be had eight months out of the year if properly cared for. Fig trees bear three crops a year, as do also the raisin grape. We had peaches from the middle of June until the middle of October in great abundance. The oranges and lemons are beginning to turn yellow and we will soon have them ripe. I wish you could all see an orange tree full of ripe fruit, it is a beautiful sight, the leaves are a very dark glossy green and the fruit so yellow it is a fine contrast, and while the fruit is yet on the tree the blossoms open and fill the air with fragrance, and all together it makes one think it is good to be here. I wish that every one that is sick or tired even, could come here to spend a few months. There are so many kinds of climate here that any one can find just the place to benefit them. But a great many make the great mistake of coming here too late to be benefited. Climate will not benefit any one after disease has wasted life almost away.

I enjoy the summers here very much although I was afraid that I would not like them. Of course we do not have any rain during the summer and yet it is not any more dusty than it is with you when you have been a couple of weeks without rain. Our last shower was the first of May. The atmosphere is so fresh and pure all the time, and the weather is never sultry. Consequently we never feel the need of rain.

The sea breeze from the Pacific and the snow capped mountains on the east so temper the heat that we are comfortable during the day and at night sleep under blankets. At five o'clock it always begins to get chilly, and then the white dresses are replaced by heavy ones. Such a thing as sunstroke is never heard of here. But we do have one drawback to this favored Eden that I very much object to, and that is what we call "Northerers." It is a sand storm that comes from the Mojave desert through the California Pass and sweeps over us a fine sand. Sometimes

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they only last a few minutes, but generally last a few hours. But we never have them only in the winter and not very often then. Things look rather dusty while it lasts and when it is over we have the pleasure of giving our houses a good sweeping and dusting. The rainy season will soon begin, but it generally rains nights and does not interfere with the sunshine very much. It makes no difference how hard it pours, in an hour after it stops we can go any place with our clippers on and our feet will be perfectly dry. I hardly remember how mud looks. But all the soil in California is not so favored, as some places are very muddy.

Well, I have filled six sheets of paper and have not said a word of Ontario, the motel. But I will not tire you with a long description of it for I am afraid I will take up too much of your valuable time. I will speak first of our society. It is made up almost entirely of eastern people that are refined and cultured, some of them represent a good deal of wealth, a great many making homes here for the benefit of their health. Every body is friendly and sociable, each trying to make the others feel that they have not left all their friends in the east.

Our prominent street is Euclid Avenue seven miles long and two hundred feet wide, planted with four rows of tropical trees, the entire length, and an electric rail way in the middle of it, and winding through San Antonio Heights on the Mesa. The Heights is expected to be the residential paradise of Ontario in the future. We have two fine hotels besides two smaller ones, a college and three school houses, and a number of fine business blocks. The parks, tropical trees and shrubs everywhere. A great many of the yards are laid out in landscape gardening and it makes the homes very attractive.

I have never seen but one town that I admired more than Ontario, and that is Pasadena the queen of California towns. I liked Los Angeles very much indeed and would enjoy living there in a great many respects. It is so full of life. One not seeing the city for a year would hardly know it now, as it has almost doubled itself in the last twelve months. They are putting up blocks of lovely buildings, those that would do credit to the finest cities of the world.

PART 2

I must not forget to tell you of the week we spent at the ocean in June, and went in surf bathing every day, it is more healthful than a tonic, and the salt water is so strengthening if one does not remain in too long. I never enjoyed such solid fun as jumping the breakers, it was as exciting as it was dangerous. The sun is now setting and as it sinks to rest I love to watch it, for the sky then is glorious. You see we have no forests here to obstruct the view. So I will bid you all a loving farewell, thanking the Giver of all good and perfect gifts, that the Sun of none of the lives of our members has set in eternity since we were bound together by the ties of loving interest.

I have no personal message to any of you excepting Mrs. Houser. To her I wish to express my thanks for her picture, and it now occupies an honored place in the album that always brings up pleasant memories of days gone by.

Hoping to receive like favors from you all, I will bid you good night and good bye, with many wishes of success and happiness to each of you, both in your club and home circle.

Yours very truly,  
LOTTIE F. COCHRAN.



The ladies of this popular club met this year in the G. A. R. Hall, which the veterans had kindly placed at their disposal. It was the fifth anniversary of the club's existence, and as has always been their custom, they gave a literary and social treat to a limited number of invited guests. On this occasion, each member had the privilege of inviting four guests, while the society at large, usually extends the same courtesy to the editorial fraternity and to such others as have been to some trouble to accommodate them. So on Tuesday evening, about 130 assembled at the soldiers' hall, and were made comfortable by the proper committees, for these ladies never forget the care and consideration due to those who share their hospitality. As usual, a portion of the members had been selected to furnish the literary and musical part of the entertainment. The first of these, was the address of welcome, by the president of the club, Mrs. Julia E. M. Hodge. This was an original speech, of course, and was one of the best of the very able and polished addresses she has made at the various meetings of the club. Her address was followed by an appropriate and finely rendered vocal duet, by Mrs. Lewis and Miss Anna Teeters. Mrs. Vesta M. Swarts then gave a "Talk," subject, "Do American Women Desire the Ballot?" Like that of Mrs. Hodge, it was bright and witty, though of a different turn of thought, and at times full of polished but good-natured satire. The gentlemen present acknowledged some good hints. The next on the programme, was the reciting of Jean Ingelow's famed "Songs of Seven," one of the finest of the domestic poems for which our English language and our English speaking people seem so well adapted to express and appreciate. It represents seven supposed epochs in the life of woman. Childhood, Romance, Love, Maternity, Widowhood, Giving in Marriage, Longing for Home. These parts were given in the order named by little Mary Osgood, Mrs. Estella Sawyers, Miss Anna Teeters, Mrs. Alice Lewis, Mrs. Mary Rose, Mrs. Helen Ensley and Mrs. Alicia H. Barns. These recitations were preceded by a prologue in verse, similar in style, sentiment and poetical movement to the seven original poems. It was composed by Mrs. Hodge, and spoken by Mrs. Amanda E. Houser. It was a fitting introduction to the sweet verses of Miss Ingelow, and Mrs. Houser is to be highly commended on her success in its delivery. In fact, all the ladies gave their parts in the "Seven" with an ease, grace and pathos, that did them credit. At the close of this, Miss Lillie McFlige gave a description of her "Visit to Gray's Peak," an incident in her stay at Denver, Colorado. It was a fine piece of descriptive prose. Her auditors listened with eager interest to catch every word of her story, for it described so vividly scenes that few present would ever see. Then came a splendid quartet, sung by Mrs. Lewis, Lottie Osgood, Anna Teeters and Jennie Cowan. While preparations for lunch were going on, Miss Flora Hoffman responded to the toast "Our Fifth Anniversary, or Wooden Wedding," and after lunch Mrs. Ella C. Keeran responded to "Saturday Afternoon," and Mrs. Priscilla Zimmerman to "All Work and no Play, Makes Jack a Dull Boy," all being excellent and in keeping with the rest of the literary entertainment. The collation which followed was in the "highest style of art," if one may be allowed the expression, for even the lady guests, best able to criticize, pronounced it perfection itself. Of course the gentlemen were pleased.

Then came an hour or so of social enjoyment, and the fifth annual meeting of the L. L. C. was over. It is not too much to say that the guests saw the approach of the parting hour, with a feeling of regret. These literary entertainments given by the ladies of this society annually, are a matter of just pride to our town, and invitations to them will never become a drag. Indeed, the few who can be so chosen, evidently regard it as an honor, as well as a pleasure. Speaking for the "Courier and lady," who were so honored, we can say we thank the ladies for a few hours of as pure and unalloyed social and mental enjoyment as we have ever known. We wish to say, also, that no mere newspaper description can do justice to an entertainment such as they have so often given us. It must be seen and heard to be fully appreciated.

The ladies of the L. L. C. desire to return their thanks through the columns of the *Courier* to the members of DeLong Post for the use of their pleasant hall in which to hold their annual reception. Also to Hebel Bro's, and John McMillan for favors.

We publish this week by request of many friends the address of welcome by the president of the L. L. C. at the annual last week, as well as Mrs. Hodge's fine poem, which was used as a prologue to the "Songs of Seven." The admirers of Jean Ingelow, should not fail to read this little addition, which is certainly worthy of a place in English literature.

#### Welcome Address of the L. L. C.

An address delivered at their annual reception, April 12, 1887, by the president, Mrs. Julia E. M. Hodge.

FRIENDS: In the name of the Ladies' Literary Club, I welcome each of you to this the fifth annual celebration of our organization. Nothing is so successful as success; and we have rendered a satisfactory reason to be, by maintaining through five years a healthy existence.

Pardon me if I indulge in a brief retrospect. On the 3d of April, 1882, a number of honorable women—I do not think I can improve upon the Apostle's admirably expressive phrase, which doubtless, described those who resembled them in valuable characteristics—a number of honorable women I repeat, met at the house of Mrs. A. S. Leas, and after declaring their belief that woman, in order to perform her domestic and social duties most efficiently, needs broad culture, and that unity of aim and mutual endeavor would best secure that culture, they formed themselves into a society, with the object of mental improvement. The Club began its existence with thirteen members. Of these two have removed from Auburn, two have resigned their membership, and nine from the first day until now have followed the fortunes of our club with unvarying solicitude. Through these five years neither our aims nor our methods of work have changed. We have become familiar with some of the best thoughts of the greatest men and women and study of their lives and their works has increased our respect and reverence for them. Truly great men are not great on one side only, and some we have learned to regard as so many sided, that in character and attainments their lives have become rounded into the grandeur of perfect manhood.

While looking back upon our earlier club life, I must not forget to acknowledge the generous encouragement we received. There were those who valued our abilities so highly that they distinguished us by the euphonious title of "Smarties." Modesty is our

strong characteristic, and we bore the honor with becoming meekness. Within the last six weeks I have been told, that our regular Saturday afternoon exercises are conducted in Latin and Greek. We regret that this fact has transpired. I am positively certain no member of our club has betrayed it, and if our exercises have been overheard, as I am constrained to believe, I can only express our unanimous regret, that the eaves dropper did not listen on one of those ternoons when our lesson is in the Hebrew or Sanscrit.

We are not proud of our attainments. As I have had occasion to remark, we are nothing if not modest and we look upon our Latin and Greek, our Hebrew and our Sanscrit as worthless dross; but let me tell you as a profound secret, which I trust will go no farther, if there is any one thing above another, which makes the united heart of this club throb with pride it is the consciousness that we are able to set forth a feast, not of reason, but of genuine, good things to eat, which would make the gods of ancient Greece and Rome tolerate even our Greek and Latin. Such a feast we have always prepared for our friends, and always will, even if we have to get somebody else to do the cooking.

But jesting aside, friends, let me express, what I believe is the feeling of us all, a sincere and thankful appreciation of the influence of our club upon our individual happiness. We are not idle women, luxurious and self-indulgent. Each one of us bears her own special burden of care, or anxiety, or heartache, which is not shown to the superficial observer. How many times we come on Saturday afternoon to our meetings feeling weary and worn; weighed down by the accumulation of trifles, which makes up the sum of most women's lives and find cheer and encouragement and sympathy; none the less welcome because unasked and unspoken, but inhaled like the perfume of flowers in the atmosphere we breathe. We have learned some lessons better than any we have gained from books—a quicker intuition of others' needs a tender consideration for others' feelings. Something perhaps of that spirit, which in honor prefers another to itself, has been the outcome of our club-life. And I think we all agree, that the last year has been the pleasantest of them all. Yet, in its very beginning, we met with a great loss, in the removal from Auburn of one of our most valued members. We felt that the gap she left could not soon be filled. Perhaps the mantle of her gentle courtesy was divided among us who are left, drawing us into a closer circle, for the past year is very pleasant to look back upon.

For another thing we have great reason to be thankful. Death has never invaded our ranks. Of all those whose names have been at any time on our roll, not one has been called away from earth. That our club will go on in the future as in the past, quietly minding its own business, grateful for kindness and indifferent to unkind criticism, we have reasonable ground to hope; and if, by and by, we slip away, one by one, like tired children going to their rest, we will pray that we may all waken in a better world; there to "Live and Learn," and rejoice forever more.



Prologue to the Songs of Seven.

We would show you friends, in pictures seven,  
The life of woman; with her first breath  
She goeth forth on her way to heaven;  
And life is preparing her for death.  
Oh! bright the days, when the world is newest  
No skies are ever so blue as then;  
Oh! free is the heart when its cares are fewest,  
And sorrow lieth beyond its ken.  
And sweet are the maiden's dreams unknow-  
ing  
What the future keepeth in store for her;  
She seeth joy, like a tide inflowing;  
With hope her pulses are all astir.  
But, ah! when he comes, her Prince, her  
lover,  
All of life weareth a golden hue;  
You might seek, she thinks, the wide world  
over,  
Yet find no other so brave and true.  
The years speed on, and they bring their  
blessing,  
Her fond heart opens to mother joys.  
Oh! the cooling babes, Oh! the sweet carressing  
Of precious daughters and manly boys.  
Near neighbors ever, are joy and sorrow:  
The heart that is throbbing with bliss to-day  
Bruised and broken by grief to-morrow,  
Goeth lonely henceforth for aye.  
When one by one they have flown forever,  
Her joys, as birds from the parent nest,  
She sayeth: "Not even death can sever,  
This heart that waits from the hearts that  
rest."

JULIA E. M. HODGE.



Jan. 31, 1888

Jan. 11, 1888

At the semi-annual election of officers, the L. L. C. last Saturday elected the following: President, Mrs. E. Nau-uel; vice president, Mrs. Hartman; secretary, Mrs. Lewis; treasurer, Mrs. Davenport; critic, Miss McTigue.

Jan 14 1888

The L. L. C. meets with Mrs. Ralston this week.

The L. L. C. of Auburn met with the ladies of our literary club Tuesday at the residence of B. F. Kennedy. The afternoon was passed in a social way both clubs entering into the enjoyment of the occasion. At the close a splendid lunch was served by the Waterloo club in a manner or which they are justly celebrated, and when at the close of the afternoon they separated, it was with a feeling that it had been one of the happiest gatherings of the season.

By the courtesy of Mr. Gene. Trout, our livery man, the ladies of the L. L. C., took a sleigh ride up to Waterloo Tuesday afternoon. They met there with the literary club of that place and had a very pleasant social and literary entertainment. The ladies of the club desire us to express their heartiest thanks to Mr. Trout for his kindness.

Feb. 11. 1888.

L. L. C. & L. M. C.

These two popular clubs, the Ladies' Minerva Club of Waterloo and the Ladies' Literary Club of this place, had another friendly meeting last Saturday afternoon. The ladies from Waterloo, to the number of ten came over in sleighs and the meeting took place at the residence of Hon. E. D. Hartman. There the afternoon was spent in social enjoyment, concluding with a very acceptable lunch. The meeting adds one more bright link to the chain of friendship that has always bound these sister organizations, and we look to see them frequently repeated.

With the L. M. C.

The popular Minerva Club of Waterloo held their fourth annual reunion at the G. A. R. Hall in that place Tuesday evening of this week, and extended a neighborly invitation to their sister club, the L. L. C. of Auburn, to attend and enjoy the occasion with them. These guests, including a few of their husbands who were so fortunate as to be invited, numbered twenty-one in all, and added the pleasures of a sleigh ride to the literary and social treat that awaited them in Waterloo. The ladies of the club had a comfortable parlor of Mr. Koons' residence awaiting us, and at an early hour all were comfortably seated in the hall. The exercises began by reading a scripture lesson by Mrs. Mattie Beidler followed by the Lord's Prayer repeated by the class. Then came roll call, and the responses by quoting a gem of thought from some author. Mrs. Linda M. Darby, the president, then delivered the address of welcome, which she did in an able and dignified manner. This was followed by a paper on "Ancient Chaldea," by Miss Emma Waterman. This showed deep research, was well composed and read in a scholarly manner. It was a valuable paper. Miss Ida Blair followed with a unique production in which the titles of books and poems were woven into a delightful little story. It took the audience by storm. Mrs. Josie Willis read an intensely interesting paper on "Jerusalem on the Morning of the Crucifixion," which was not only a test of her powers of description, but was full of fine passages of thrilling eloquence. Mrs. Juliette Dickinson read a "Club Prophecy, Ten Years Hence," a production full of humorous hits and allusions, but ending with an eloquent vein of sentiment as she dwelt on the uncertainties of the future. Then came a pause for conversation and refreshments, after which toasts were given. Mrs. Carrie Francis responded to "Our Guests" in a happy little speech which was well received. Mrs. Rena Smith gave "Our Homes," a fine speech. Miss Rose Blair responded to "Old Mother Hubbard" in a witty and well prepared address. "The L. M. C." was the last on the list and was nicely given by Mrs. Chloe Kennedy, closing with a sentiment of sisterly regard for the L. L. C. of Auburn. We have not space to give all the brilliant points made, but must say the Minerva Club of Waterloo is a success, both in their ability to furnish a literary treat, and to prepare that which gratifies their guests' appetites.



# Sixth Annual

Tuesday witnessed the sixth annual reunion of the Ladies' Literary Club of Auburn, and as usual it proved a very enjoyable affair. They had heretofore invited a limited number of their intimate friends, and relatives, even sometimes going to the extent of calling in husbands, brothers and sweethearts. But this year they decided to change the order of things and invited the ladies' club at Kendallville, the "Class in English Literature." These ladies or about twenty of them came on the train via Waterloo except Mrs. John Mitchell and Mrs. J. B. Kimball, who came across the country with their husbands. The first exercise, was the address of welcome, a fine scholarly production by Mrs. Emanuel president of the home club. The response which was equally fine, was by the president of the visiting club, Mrs. Hanmer. Then came an excellent lunch prepared by the Auburn ladies. Included in this, were the fine fresh oranges sent from Ontario, Cal., by their former member, Mrs. Lottie Cochran. The flowers she sent, were also there, having come by mail. They added a pleasing feature and many spoke feelingly of the absent member. Then came other literary exercises. A recitation "Anthony's Farewell to Rome," by Mrs. Weatherford of Kendallville; "Norway and Her People," an original article, by Mrs. Barns; two songs finely rendered by Miss Clara Goodman, of Kendallville, entitled "Annie of the River Dee," and "The Broken Pitcher." The ladies then took up their line of march to the "Swineford" where an elegant dinner had been prepared for them, and to which they sat down at 4 p. m. The two presidents caught the two visiting gentlemen, Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Kimball, and led them to the dining room. Here, all enjoyed the splendid repast, and at its close, two toasts were given: "Woman—What She has Done and What She May Do," by Mrs. Goodwin; followed by Mrs. Schaab, whose subject was "Mrs Grundy," both fine literary productions and well delivered. The ladies then concluded to have a little fun. So far they had petted the two gentlemen from Kendallville. Now they pounced down upon them and called for a response to a toast from each. Mr. Kimball's toast was "English Literature," and he managed to keep the floor long enough to say the only English literature he was conversant in, related to the current prices of groceries. Had they allowed him to go on in that direction, he could have finished the day, but they choked him off and called on Mr. Mitchell. The latter gentleman, now "all of a tremble," was told to talk of "American Success." He urged the point that he had never made a speech in his life, and he knew he couldn't now. But he stood up manfully, and we are happy to be able to lay the entire speech before our readers. It was: "Ladies, I hope if the Auburn ladies ever come to Kendallville, and I fail to entertain them well, then I hope some one will take me out and kick me." (Tremendous applause, and cries "Go on, go on!" in the midst of which he sat down, mopping his pallid brow.) Soon, carriages came and took both clubs about our beautiful city, visiting gas well Number 2, and finally reaching the train just in time to go north. And one of the most enjoyable annuals the the ladies ever held, was over. They feel especially pleased with the kindness of Mrs. Ralston, the Swineford House and Trout & Butt, for the pains taken to assist them.

—The ladies of the literary society of this city report having had a most agreeable visit at Auburn last Tuesday, as guests of the local society of that place. The gas wells and other points of interest were visited; and a right royal banquet indulged in, where brilliant after-dinner speeches made up an entertainment seldom out-done. The Auburn ladies are highly praised.—Kendallville Standard.

## A VISIT.

### The C. E. L. of Kendallville Visit the L. L. C. of Auburn

[Kendallville Standard.]

Tuesday morning April 3rd, seventeen ladies of the C. E. L. of Kendallville boarded the six a. m. train for Auburn. We were obliged to make a three hour's stay in Waterloo. Our ingenious ladies devised ways and means for putting in our time. Two or three called upon friends living there. Some read, while others crocheted and did crazy patch work. One of our number being a natural artist highly entertained us by sketching faces and figures true to nature, in outline stitch on Clara's bed quilt block.

At 9 a. m. we started again for Auburn, a few minutes ride brought us to her station where we were met by Mrs. Barns and Mrs. Schaab, with carriages in waiting to convey us to the residence of Mrs. Ralston, where we were cordially received by Mrs. Ralston, Rose, Hartman and Emanuel. After a half hour social converse the ladies were called to order and an address of welcome given by Mrs. Emanuel, president of the L. L. C. of Auburn, which was filled with love, hope and sympathy. Then followed the response by Mrs. I. J. Hanmer, president of the C. E. L. of Kendallville, in which she voiced the heart felt thanks of our class. At 11:30 a delicious and tastefully appointed lunch was served supplemented by oranges sent from California by a former member of the L. L. C. Mrs. Lottie Cochran. Mrs. Hartman made an apt and touching speech regarding them and their fair donor. Before finishing our repast we were re-inforced by the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Kimball and Mr. and Mrs. J. Mitchell. They were gladly welcomed by the ladies, and lunch was immediately served them. At 1:30 p. m. the ladies were again called to order and were entertained with a recitation by Mrs. Weatherford, Anthony's farewell to Egypt and to Rome. Mrs. Barns read a paper entitled, Norway and her people, which was full of interest. All felt well paid for their close attention to the readers. Miss Goodman then favored us with a solo. She was enthusiastically encored and graciously responded. Then followed a most enjoyable and social time in which each lady participated. At 4 o'clock dinner was announced. Each lady hostess escorted one or more visiting ladies to the Swineford House to dine, while the gentlemen received the special attention of the presidents, Mrs. Emanuel and Mrs. Hanmer. The banquet was elaborate and sumptuous, to which all did ample justice. After dinner, toast was proposed by Mrs. Rose, "Woman; What she has done and what she may do." Responded to by Mrs. Goodman, with that lady's clear sightedness, and personal knowledge of the subject. We felt

when she had finished her remarks, that we had had a feast of good things. Another toast was next proposed by Mrs. Weatherford. "Mrs. Grundy," responded to by Mrs. Schaab, the subject was well chosen. A mark Twain or a Bill Nye could not have outdone her wit and original humor, and enough good sense was displayed, to assure us that she was mistress of her subject. Mrs. Rose then called on Mr. Kimball for a response to the following toast: "English Literature." He arose majestically and tried to beat a retreat, but as such a thing was not on the program, he took a bold stand for woman, complimented us on our perseverance in our studies. And in fact said so many good things we could not help thinking his mind had been wandering over many subjects. Mrs. Dr. Swartz called upon Mr. Mitchell to respond to "American Success." He did not try to run. We think he had profited by hearing what woman had done and we know he feared what she might do. So he frankly acknowledged that the day's exercises had been a great enjoyment to him, and emphatically pledged himself as our friend in pleasure and in need. The time had now arrived for us to take leave of our friends. So after the good bye's were said, we again took seats in the carriages and were driven all over the beautiful village of Auburn, arriving at the station in time to make the 5:30 train for home. Now as we recall the ladies of L. L. C. of Auburn, Mesdames Keeran, Ralston, Foster, Hartman, Davenport, Lewis, Enaley, Swartz, Zimmerman, Houser, Rose, Barns, Schaab, Emanuel, who so royally entertained us, we also recall one of the most delightful and profitable days it has been ours to enjoy for years.

CASSIE B. HANMER, Sec'y.





RECEPTION  
AND BANQUET

Given by the Members of the

LADIES' LITERARY CLUB

SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY

ON THE EVENING OF

APRIL TWENTY-THIRD, 1889,

AUBURN.

SWINEFORD HOTEL.



## TOASTS.

SYMPOSIARCH, - - - ALICE M. LEWIS.

THE PRESS.

EDWIN A. NYE,  
JAMES A. BARNES.

"While human hearts shall pulse, no less  
The echoing engine of the press,"  
JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY.

I sing the Press: O sweet enchantress, bring,  
Fit inspiration for the theme I sing  
JOHN GODFREY SAXE.

THE BABIES OF OUR CLUB.

DR. LIDA LEASURE.

"Lullaby, oh, Lullaby,  
Two such nights and I shall die.  
Lullaby, oh, Lullaby,  
He'll be bruised and so shall I,  
How can I from bedposts keep,  
When I'm walking in my sleep?"  
TOM. HOOD.

OUR WIVES.

CHAS. EMANUEL.

"They divide our cares, double our joys,  
And treble our expenses."

ADULT MEN AND MINDS.

DR. VESTA M. W. SWARTS.

"Were I so tall to reach the pole,  
Or grasp the ocean with my span,  
I must be measured by my soul;  
The mind's the standard of the man."  
WATTS.

THE HOOSIER.

ALZEIN ALLEEN RALSTON.

"Who's yere? Who's yere? Who's yere?" they ask, and why?  
We all are Hoosiers, proudly we reply!  
Our common heritage, that noble name,  
And, but to bear it, surely this is fame."  
JULIA E. M. HODGE

THE BANQUET.

JAMES E. ROSE.

"I'm quite ashamed, 'tis mighty rude,  
To eat so much, but all's so good."

## MEMBERS.

Eliza Schaab,	- -	President.
Helen Ensley,	- -	Vice-President.
Alzein Alleen Ralston,		Secretary.
Allicia H. Barnes,		Treasurer.
Mary F. Rose,		Critic.

Dr. Vesta M. W. Swarts.	Ida V. Emanuel.
Mary A. Ehlers.	Amanda E. Houser.
Arilla Leas.	Frances F. Davenport.
Dr. Lida Leasure.	Lillie R. McGighe.
Elizabeth Willis.	Allice M. Lewis.
Haddessu Ralston.	Julia Mott Hodge.
Julia E. M. Hodge.	Carrie Bodine.
Priscilla Zimmerman.	Mollie Murphy.
	Mabel Hartman.



The regular meeting of the Ladies' Literary Club was held Saturday, April 28 at the home of Mrs. Clem near the Junction. "Walking" and "Life and Manners" were the subjects of the day, and were found full of interest. Toward the close of the lesson Mrs. Clem and Mrs. Spangler, slipped out of the room in an unobtrusive, "please-take-no-notice" way and, soon after the regular exercises were concluded, Mrs. Clem opened the door into an adjoining room and behold! a table spread with delicacies. Although this part of the programme had not been previously announced, the ladies accepted Mrs. Clem's invitation with pleasure, and did ample justice to the good things she had provided for them. After supper she gave them another feast, of music this time—accompanying her singing with the guitar. Miss Ada Spangler also played a duet on the piano with Mrs. Clem. So the time passed pleasantly until approaching night compelled the departure of the guests. The club as a body and individually regret the necessity which takes Mrs. Clem from Auburn. She has been a member just long enough to make her sister members appreciate her intelligence, her true culture and her genuine refinement. She goes away, but the best wishes of all her friends will go with her, that wherever her home may be she may find the esteem, affection, and kindly sympathy which she merits. \*\*\*

#### L. L. C. FAREWELL.

The L. L. C. has just had a social meeting at Mrs. Schuchert's, in honor of Mrs. S. L. Clem, one of their number, who was on the point of departing for her new home in the west. Among other pleasant features of the meeting was the presentation to Mrs. Clem of a fine volume of Jean Ingelow's poems. To this token of the club's respect and affection, Mrs. Clem made the following sensible and feeling response:

"Dear Sisters and Friends: To-day we meet together probably for the last time and I go to other scenes to find new friends and companions; yet I know I shall not find any better or more congenial ones—in fact, I know I shall not find as good. I have ever said that the Indiana people are courteous and warm hearted in so far as I have had any dealings with them. I love all my fellow creatures; but I find most pleasure with those who enjoy reading and studying the best books and their writers. Some of the noblest creatures I ever knew were uneducated. Yet I believe all noble hearted men and women aspire to intellectuality, but being in a measure the creatures of circumstances, few have the courage to struggle against unfavorable environments and rise to the heights for which they were destined. How thankful we ought to be then that we have this blessed privilege of meeting together for mutual improvement. The L. L. C. has ever been such a pleasant spot to me. It has been one of the oases in the desert of toil and care where my soul has found rest and refreshment. I came into your midst an entire stranger, and you treated me with genuine cordiality and sisterly kindness. You did more. You never had a pleasure you did not wish me to share. And now you have crowned it all by presenting me with this lovely memento of your regard. Dear friends, I can only say may you be requited for all your kindness to me. May you increase in membership and the ties of love and sympathy be strengthened among you. In the casket of my sweetest memories your names shall be kept bright and beautiful to my dying day. May all earth's purest pleasures be yours in this life, and finally, rest, sweet rest, in that evening land—Hesperia."



Dec. 22, 1924  
FAREWELL RECEPTION GIVEN  
FOR MRS. ALICIA BARNES

The Ladies Literary club held a farewell reception Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Sprout on West Seventh street, honoring Mrs. Alicia Barnes, a charter member of the club, who is leaving soon for Los Angeles, Cal., to make her future home.

Miss Edna Davis gave the farewell tribute in behalf of the club. Her words were well chosen. Two piano selections rendered by Mrs. E. F. Fribley were a pleasing feature of the evening's program. Mrs. H. L. McKenney gave a Christmas story, "The Gift of the Magi" by O. Henry, which was greatly enjoyed. Light refreshments were served by the hostess after which holiday greetings were extended to Mrs. Barnes with a wish that she might have a safe journey and a pleasant home among newly made friends in the west.

Mrs. Ray Thomas, secretary of the Ladies Literary club of Auburn, has received word from Mrs. Isaac Kann of Kendallville, Twelfth district chairman of the Indiana Federation of Clubs, advising that the local organization has the distinction of being the first club in the district to respond to the hospitality fund. The biennial council will be held at West Baden, Ind., the first week in June, with Indiana as hostess to the General Federation of Clubs, and the hospitality fund is being raised by club members throughout the state for the purpose of entertaining the guests.

Written when Mrs. Gimmervann returned a small spatula to Mrs. Thomas which had been left after the 924 picnic at Mrs. G. home.

My Dear Grace:

This little Spat.,  
Is telling me that

It really belongs to another,  
and I will feel better

To send it by letter

So you, your nice Spat may recover.

'Tis a nice little Spat.,

Am telling you that—

But what I would just like to know,

Is why, for one year

With a husband so dear,

With out one little Spat. you ~~could~~ <sup>could</sup> go.

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Feb. 23, 1920

# ANNUAL GUEST DAY OF AUBURN CLUB

Members of Ladies Literary  
Club Entertain at Pres-  
byterian Church

NEARLY 300 PRESENT

Mrs. Demarchus Brown of Indiana-  
polis, Delivers Splendid Ad-  
dress on "A Little Corner  
in Allah's Garden"

An audience of nearly three hun-  
dred, composed of members of the  
Ladies Literary club and guests, lis-  
tened for an hour Monday evening  
at the First Presbyterian church to  
Mrs. Demarchus Brown of Indiana-  
polis, traveler, lecturer and woman-  
of-letters who lectured on "A Corner  
from the Garden of Allah." It  
was the annual guest night meeting  
of the club.

The speaker had been secured for  
the occasion because of her intimate  
knowledge of that part of northern  
Africa much heard of but little  
known—the Sahara desert. Mrs.  
Brown traveled over the arid wastes  
of the Sahara during the months of  
September and October of last year  
and she described in detail much of  
the intimate life and customs of the  
people of the desert.

Instead of a vast area of waste as  
is supposed, the Sahara abounds in  
beautiful cities and instead of the  
oases being two palm trees and a  
tent as pictured, they are wonder-  
fully built cities surrounded by walls,  
Mrs. Brown declared. Vegetation is  
luxuriant in many of the places she  
visited, tropical fruit is plentiful  
and the better class of people are  
exceedingly well educated and pos-  
sessed of much wealth.

Mrs. Brown spoke of the manners  
and customs of the people of the  
desert, describing the deference with

which the sheiks accord travelers.  
She described her visit to a harem,  
the mosques, the palaces of some of  
the nobles, the Mohammedan relig-  
ion and her experience in riding a  
camel. Here she made a personal  
allusion which was humorous. She  
is large and several passenger cam-  
els were brought before her. The  
camel drivers upon noting her size  
took away the swifter passenger  
camels and returned with a freight  
camel.

Mrs. Brown particularly described  
the wonderful white marble cities  
built by the Romans which have  
been unearthed, among which were  
the ruins of Carthage. Her lecture  
was replete with pictures of the  
weird life of the east, of the culture  
of the tribesmen, the caravans, the  
religion, habits and customs of a  
people about whom so little is  
known.

Mrs. Clarence Green of Auburn,  
president of the Ladies Literary  
club, introduced the lecturer. Mrs.  
E. F. Fribley played a pipe organ  
voluntary preceding the lecture. The  
committee in charge of the arrange-  
ments was composed of Miss Besse  
Kinsey, chairman, Mrs. H. W. Tim-  
brook, Mrs. C. O. Krise, Mrs. E. W.  
Atkinson and Mrs. Milo Jordan.

## MUSICAL PROGRAM GIVEN AT ECKHART PUBLIC LIBRARY

One Hundred Attend Ladies Liter-  
ary Club Entertainment

A most delightful musical program  
was presented Saturday afternoon at  
the regular meeting of the Ladies  
Literary club in the auditorium of  
the Eckhart Public Library. Mrs.  
Ruth Fribley was the chairman in  
charge of the afternoon, assisted by  
Mrs. Leon Hicks and Mrs. Margaret  
Morgan. Mrs. Clarence Green, pres-  
ident of the Ladies Literary club,  
welcomed the guests after which the  
meeting was turned over to Mrs.  
Fribley. A feature of the program  
was the number of poems set to  
music of authors and poets which  
the club has been studying for the  
past two years. About one hundred  
members and guests were present.

Following is the program which  
was so ably given by members of the  
organization, assisted by Miss Mar-  
garet Vernier of Butler, teacher of  
music in the Angola schools; Mrs.  
Susie Hatfield of Winona Lake; Mrs.  
Donald Emerson; Miss Guinevere  
Jellison; John Green and Rev. How-  
ard M. Morgan.

Shakespeare—(a) Wedding March  
(Medneissohn) from Midsummer  
Nights Dream, piano solo, Miss Mar-  
garet Vernier; (b) Hark Hark the  
Lark, (c) Iknorra Bark, trio, Mrs.  
Hicks, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Fribley,  
Miss Vernier at the piano; (d) Who  
is Sylvia, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Fribley  
at the piano.

Sir Walter Scott—Duet, Oh Hush  
Thee My Baby, Mrs. Hicks, Mrs. Mor-  
gan.

Piano solo, Fantasy, Chopin, Miss  
Vernier.

Ben Johnson—"Drink to Me only  
with Thine Eyes," solo, Mrs. Hicks,  
Mrs. Fribley at the piano.

Thomas Moore—(a) "The Last  
Rose of Summer," solo, Mrs. Hicks;  
(b) "Believe Me if all Those Endear-  
ing Young Charms," solo, Mrs.  
Thomas; (c) "The Harp that once  
thru Tara's Hall," solo, Mrs. Thom-  
as; (d) "The Minstrel Boy," solo,  
Mr. Howard Morgan; Mrs. Fribley at  
the piano.

Thackeray—"The Cane-Bottomed  
Chair," musical reading, Mrs. Mor-  
gan, Mrs. Fribley at the piano.

Robert Burns—(a) "Auld Lang  
Syne," sung by all present; (b)  
"Highland Cradle Song," solo, Mrs.  
Thomas; (c) "Coming Thru the  
Rye," Mrs. Morgan, musical reading;  
(d) "Highland Mary," solo, Miss  
Guinevere Jellison; (e) "Oh Wert  
Thou in the Cauld Blast," solo, Mrs.  
Emerson; Mrs. Fribley at the piano.

Guernsey—Duet, "Alice, Where  
Art Thou," Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Frib-  
ley, Miss Vernier at the piano.

Tennyson—(a) "Sweet and Low,"  
(b) "Crossing the Bar," quartet,  
Mrs. Hicks, Mrs. Morgan, Mr. John  
Green, Mr. Howard Morgan; (c)  
"Milkmaid's Song," Miss Jellison,  
Mrs. Fribley at the piano.

Stevenson—Requiem, solo, Miss  
Jellison.

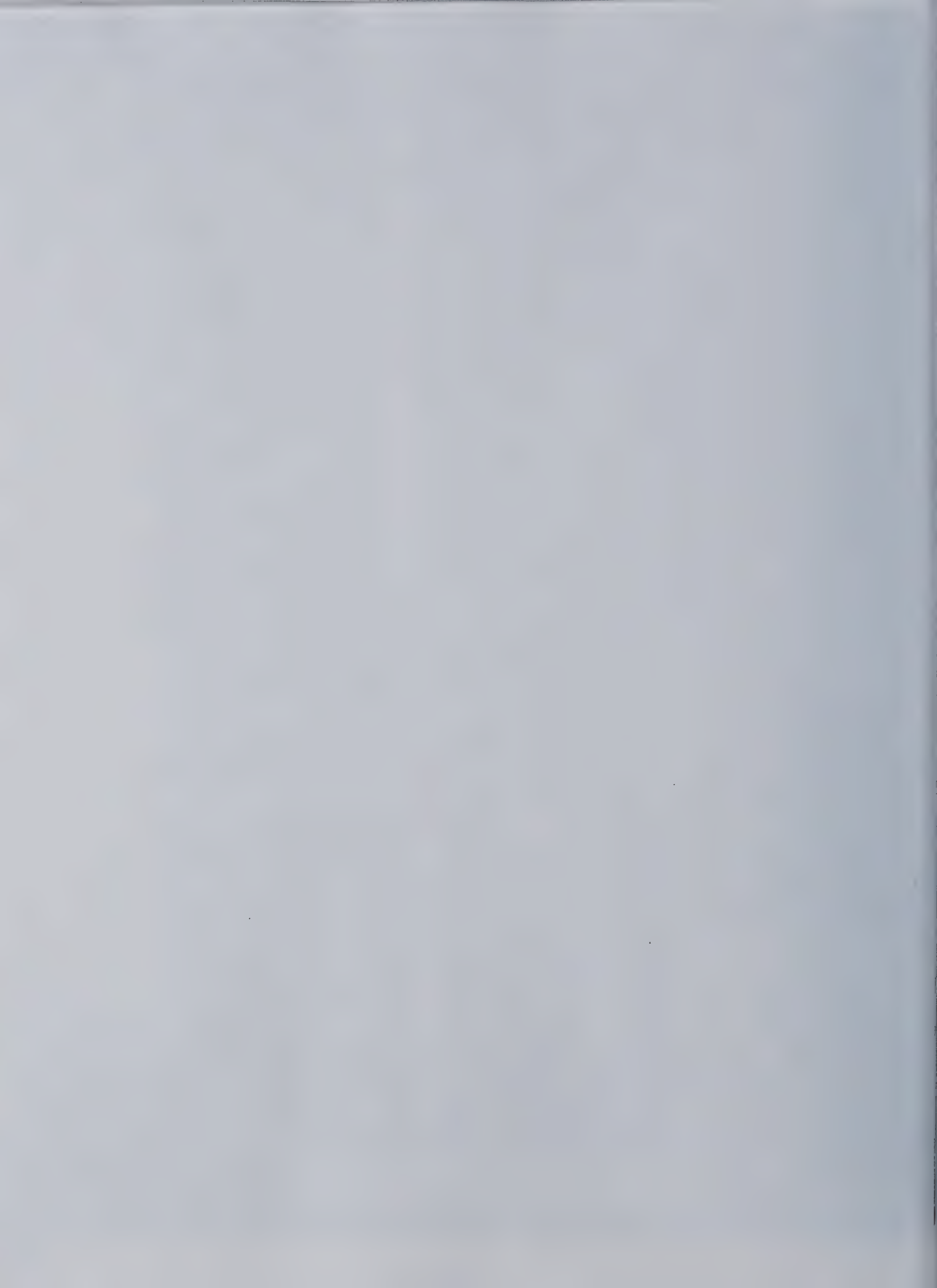
Kingsley—"One Grand Sweet  
Song," solo Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Frib-  
ley at piano.

Piano solo, Rhapsody in E flat,  
Brahm, Mrs. Susie E. Hatfield.

Fitzgerald—"Oh Moon of My De-  
light," solo, Mrs. Emerson, Mrs.  
Fribley at piano.

Henley—"Invictus," solo, M.  
Howard Morgan.

Kipling—(a) "On the Road  
Mandalay," solo, Mr. Howard  
Morgan; (b) "Gypsy Trail," sol,  
Thomas; (c) L'Envoi, musi-  
ing by Mrs. Morgan; (d)  
al, solo, Mrs. Emerson, Mi  
at the piano.



# MRS. MARY ROSE, AGE 79 YEARS, IS DEAD

*Mar. 15th 1925*  
Bright's Disease Causes Demise  
of One of Auburn's Best  
Known Citizens

## FUNERAL ON WEDNESDAY

Deceased was Last Surviving Charter  
Member of the Ladies Literary  
Club—In Poor Health  
for Two Years

*Mar. 15th*  
Death Sunday evening at 6:45 re-  
moved from it's roster, the last sur-  
viving charter member of the Ladies  
Literary club of Auburn, Mrs. Mary  
Nimmons, Rose at her home at 110  
East Sixteenth street.

Although Mrs. Rose has been in  
failing health for two years she con-  
tinued actively interested in her club  
work until two weeks ago when she  
attended the annual guest day meet-  
ing of the organization. Since that  
time she has been gradually failing  
in health although she did not go to  
bed until Saturday and was up a  
portion of Sunday. Had she lived,  
Mrs. Rose would have been 79 years  
of age the twelfth of next June.  
Bright's disease was the immediate  
cause of death.

She was born three miles south of  
Butler June 12, 1846, and was the  
daughter of Philip and Mary Nim-  
mons. After attending the Butler  
public schools she taught for a num-  
ber of years at Butler and at Alex-  
andria, Minn. She was married in  
September, 1873, to James E. Rose,  
deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Rose were  
born three children, Mrs. Mary E.  
Atkinson, Mrs. Inez P. Beugnot of  
Auburn and Laura A. Rose of Indian-  
apolis. Mrs. Rose who was the third  
wife of Mr. Rose reared three step-  
children, Frank E. Rose of Wichita  
Falls, Texas, Judge H. Rose of Fort  
Wayne and Ella Rose, who is deceas-  
ed, with the same affection and con-  
sideration as her own children.

Mrs. Rose, besides being active in  
her club work was interested in all  
departments of the First Presbyterian  
church of Auburn of which she was  
the oldest communicant in point of  
years of membership. She was also a  
charter member of the order of the  
Eastern Star in Auburn and was a  
past Worthy Matron of the local  
chapter.

Surviving besides the five children  
are six grandchildren, a brother,  
Emblem Nimmons of Wilmington  
township and two sisters, Mrs. Wil-  
liam H. Leas of Fort Wayne and Mrs.  
James I. Best of Minneapolis, Minn.

## LIFE HISTORY OF MRS. MARY ROSE OF AUBURN

Mary Frances (Nimmons) Rose  
was born to Philip and Mary Brink  
Nimmons at the family homestead in  
Wilmington township, this county,  
on June 12th, 1846, nearly seventy-  
nine years ago. After a career of  
good works the day of her life clos-  
ed as the evening shadows fell last  
Sunday, March 15th.

Her girlhood days were spent up-  
on her father's farm; she attended  
the district school near the old  
homestead and after such education  
as the meager facilities of the coun-  
try afforded in those pioneer days,  
she graduated from the Butler High  
school, equipping herself as a school  
teacher.

This profession she followed at  
Alexandria, Minnesota, until her  
marriage to the late James E. Rose  
of this city, since which time she has  
resided in Auburn.

To this union were born three  
children; Mary E. Atkinson and  
Pauline Beugnot of this city, and  
Miss Laura Rose of Indianapolis.

Mrs. Rose also mothered three  
children of Mr. Rose by a previous  
marriage, Ella, now deceased, Frank  
E. Rose of Wichita Falls, Texas, and  
James H. Rose of Fort Wayne; and  
these step-sons bear witness, as do  
her own children, to her motherly  
ministrations and to her affectionate  
devotion.

She is also survived by six grand-  
children; by a brother, E. B. Nim-  
mons of Wilmington township and  
by two sisters, Mrs. James I. Best of  
Minneapolis, and Mrs. W. H. Leas of  
Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Rose united with the First  
Presbyterian Church of this city  
when but a girl and retained that  
membership until the end, being at  
the time of her death, the eldest in  
years of membership of those upon  
the rolls of the church.

For more than half a century she  
lived within the shadow of the cross,  
a firm believer in His name, and a  
quiet and unostentatious exemplar  
of christian constancy and devotion.

She was also a charter member of  
the Ladies Literary Club of this  
city and despite the infirmities of  
age, retained active membership  
until her death.

She was likewise a charter mem-  
ber of the Order of the Eastern Star  
being at one time worthy matron of  
the local lodge.

After a long and useful life, she  
has gone away to rejoin the lover  
of her youth, leaving behind her the  
record of a life well spent, filled  
with good deeds and the practice of  
womanly virtues.

Now the laborer's task is o'er.  
Now the battle day is past;  
Now upon the farther shore  
Lands the voyager at last.  
Father in thy gracious keeping,  
Leave us now thy servant sleeping!

## REGARDS SLEEP AS IMPORTANT FACTOR

Dr. Caroline Hedger Discusses  
Child Health at Assembly  
Room of Court House  
*March 24, 1925*  
MALNUTRITION AN EVIL

Addresses Audience of 125 Follow-  
ing Pot Luck Supper Served in  
Basement of Commercial  
Club Building

Dr. Caroline Hedger of the Mc-  
Cormack Foundation of Chicago, not-  
ed child welfare worker and a phys-  
ician of note, gave an excellent ad-  
dress in Auburn Tuesday night in the  
court house assembly room under the  
auspices of the DeKalb County Red  
Cross and a number of women's clubs.  
The address was on the subject, "The  
Debt We Owe the Child."

Especially well represented in the  
audience were people from Ashley,  
Waterloo, Corunna and a number of  
township communities, especially  
Butler township.

Dr. Hedger stressed upon the neces-  
sity of safeguarding the health of the  
child. The speaker was forceful in  
her presentation of facts. She has a  
fund of experience from her private  
practice with children and is an au-  
thority on the subject of health.

In her discourse Dr. Hedger placed  
the responsibility of the prevention  
of the retrogression of our future cit-  
izens squarely upon the parents, the  
schools and the community. If they  
are to become useful citizens, parents  
must see that their children reach  
school age equipped with that most  
necessary factor—health. One of the  
essentials is sleep and one of the  
evils is malnutrition in the child.  
Adenoids and diseased tonsils prevent  
proper education in the child. The  
proper care of the eyes is another  
important factor if the child is to  
be educated fully.

Dr. Hedger said it is a crime for  
contagion to break out in the public  
schools. If children are properly  
watched, the first stages of contagion  
are easily observed and if the child  
is permitted to go to school in a con-  
dition which will spread contagion  
to other pupils it is the duty of the  
teacher to endeavor to discover the  
symptoms and send the child home.

Dr. Hedger said that Parent-teacher  
clubs are doing a wonderful  
amount of good in the schools and  
she praised the work of the organi-  
zation in assisting the child to be-  
come a better scholar and consequent-  
ly a useful citizen.

The pot luck supper preceding the  
address in the Commercial club din-  
ing room was attended by about 90  
persons. Mrs. C. P. Dennison, De-  
Kalb County chairman of the Red  
Cross, introduced the speaker.



## 43RD ANNIVERSARY OF AUBURN CLUB

Banquet and Entertainment for  
Members of Ladies Liter-  
ary Organization and  
Guests

NEARLY 100 WERE PRESENT

Three Course Dinner Served by High  
School Domestic Science Girls  
at Auburn Country Club

The forty-third anniversary of the  
Ladies Literary club was celebrated  
at the Auburn Country club Tuesday  
evening with a banquet and enter-  
tainment.

At six thirty o'clock nearly one  
hundred members of the club and  
their guests were seated at tables  
beautifully decorated with fern  
leaves, and bowls of jonquils and yel-  
low tapers in crystal holders. Nut  
baskets of yellow tied with green  
maltine were at each place with a  
jonquil place card.

A three course dinner was served  
by six Misses from the high school  
domestic science class. The menu  
consisted of cream of tomato soup  
with salted wafers and olives, escal-  
loped chicken, diced potatoes, green  
beans, biscuit and cherry preserves,  
strawberries with whipped cream,  
angel food cake and coffee.

Following the banquet, Mrs. Clar-  
ence Green, president of the club,  
related the history of the organiza-  
tion and explained the purpose of the  
occasion—the celebration of the forty-  
third birthday of the club. She  
then introduced the entertainers of  
the evening, Mrs. Donald Emerson  
and Frank Nelson.

They gave a delightful program.  
Mrs. Emerson sang three groups of  
songs and Mr. Nelson gave a number  
of poems of his composition.

The officers of the club acted as  
the reception committee. Mrs. Green  
is president, Mrs. B. L. Gray is vice-  
president, Mrs. D. M. Hines is treas-  
urer, Mrs. Ray Thomas is secretary,  
Mrs. C. P. Dennison is critic, Mrs. E.  
O. Hall is parliamentarian and Mrs.  
George Beugnot, press correspondent.

The anniversary committee consist-  
ed of Mrs. Beugnot, chairman, Mrs.  
Dennison, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. E. F. Frib-  
ley and Mrs. A. V. Hines.

## ASKS CLUBS TO AID RED CROSS WORK

Mrs. C. P. Dennison Proposes  
That They Pay \$750 of  
Expense Next Year

### CONVENTION A SUCCESS

Over Fifty Attended Meeting at Au-  
burn Country Club Wednesday

—Mrs. George Schnadel  
Elected County  
Chairman

The first annual convention of the  
DeKalb County Federation of Wom-  
en's Clubs was held Wednesday at  
the Auburn Country club, beginning  
with a 1 o'clock luncheon at which  
more than fifty women were seated.  
The tables were beautifully decorat-  
ed, the prevailing color notes of pink  
and white being carried out in place  
cards and spring flowers.

After the luncheon, the chairman,  
Mrs. George Beugnot, called the  
meeting to order for a program and  
business session, minutes of the or-  
ganization meeting of last fall were  
read, as were also the constitution  
and by-laws. A treasurer's report  
and a secretary's report of the year's  
work were submitted.

Reports of the clubs of the coun-  
ty federation were given, and these  
proved a very interesting feature of  
the program. The report of the  
Help and Be Helped Club, the rural  
club of Corunna, received special  
mention and praise. Each of the ten  
clubs in the federation submitted a  
report. They are the Culture Club,  
Entre Nous Club and Ladies' Liter-  
ary Club of Auburn, the Philomath-  
ean of Butler, the Athlean, the Del-  
phian and the Twentieth Century  
Club of Garrett, the Help and Be  
Helped rural club of Corunna, and  
the Progressive Literary Club and  
Minerva Club of Waterloo.

To bring the plan of the state fed-  
eration work before the clubs of the  
county, reports were given of some  
of the special committees of the  
state federation, including, those in  
"Co-operation with the Blind" pre-  
sented by Mrs. Everett Mavis, "Re-  
ciprocitiy" by Mrs. Howard Morgan,  
"The Old Fauntleroy Home" by Mrs.  
Otto Sherer and "The Biennial  
Council Meeting" and "The Hospi-  
tality Fund" by Mrs. George Schma-  
del. Mrs. E. O. Hall presented "The  
Club Woman" the publication which  
is the official organ of the Indiana  
Federation.

Under discussion of a project for  
DeKalb county clubs to undertake  
for next year, Mrs. C. P. Dennison,  
chairman of the county Red Cross,  
brought the Red Cross county nurs-  
ing service as now carried out by  
Miss Julia Groscop, to the considera-  
tion of the convention.

The county Red Cross endorsed the con-  
vention at Mrs. E. O. Hall of Auburn  
the chairman of the Twelfth District  
Federation, and pledged her their  
support in the district convention to  
be held at Howe, Ind., Friday.

During the afternoon Mrs. Donald  
Emerson sang several numbers in  
her usual pleasing manner. She al-  
so led the convention in singing the  
DeKalb County songs composed by  
Mrs. E. F. Fribley for the county and  
the district conventions.

## MRS. E. O. HALL TO BE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN

Unanimous Choice at Meeting of  
Federated Woman's Clubs  
at Howe, Friday

### THIRTY GO FROM AUBURN

Excellent Program was given In-  
cluding an Address by Oswald  
Ryan on Subject, "The  
Challenge to War"

Mrs. E. O. Hall of Auburn, was the  
unanimous choice of the Twelfth dis-  
trict organization of the State Fed-  
eration of Woman's clubs for district  
chairman at Howe, Ind., Friday. Mrs.  
Hall succeeds Mrs. Isaac Kann of  
Kendallville. The name of the new  
chairwoman elect was presented at  
the district convention by Mrs. Clar-  
ence Green of Auburn. Other officers  
named were Mrs. A. S. Courtney of  
Fort Wayne, vice chairman and Mrs.  
Mary Spear of Angola, secretary-  
treasurer.

Thirty Auburn club women attend-  
ed. In all three hundred were present  
at the meeting which was held at the  
Howe Military Academy. The meeting  
convened at 9:30 o'clock. An address  
of welcome was given by Miss Isabel  
W. Cooper. The response was made by  
Mrs. Kann, the retiring chairwoman.  
The reading of minutes, the report  
of the district treasurer, Mrs. Court-  
ney and a talk on "Federation Top-  
ics" by the state president of the In-  
diana Federated clubs, Mrs. O. M.  
Pittinger and reports of county rep-  
resentatives concluded the morning  
session.



Twelfth District Indiana Federation of Clubs

## Silver Anniversary Annual Convention

Friday May 1, 1925

Holzer Military School  
Holzer, Indiana

HOSTESS CLUB      PHILOMATHS



### INDIANA SLOGAN

The winds of Heaven never fanned.  
The circling sunlight never spanned  
The borders of a better land  
Than our own Indiana.  
Indiana! Indiana! Indiana!

### OFFICERS OF DISTRICT

Chairman.....Mrs. Isaac M. Kann, Kendallville  
Vice-Chairman.....Mrs. Glenn Knauss, LaGrange  
Secretary-Treasurer.....Mrs. A. S. Courtney, Fort Wayne

### COUNTY CHAIRMEN

Allen.....Mrs. Edward J. Christman, Fort Wayne  
DeKalb.....Mrs. George Beugnot, Auburn  
LaGrange.....Mrs. Ida Atwood, Wolcottville  
Noble.....Mrs. Arthur U. Larson, Albion  
Whitley.....Mrs. J. M. Richer, South Whitley  
Steuben.....(New)

### A CLUB CONVENTION LITANY.

By Alice Ames Winter.

God, our creator, our Father and our Friend, from many homes and with many minds we come together this day, bound each to each as daughters of Thy Wisdom, Thy Love, Thy Will.

May day unto day utter speech and night unto night show knowledge.

May the Spirit of the Lord rest upon us, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and right; the spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord.

Of us may it be said: In her tongue is the law of kindness; she looketh well to the ways of her household and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up and call her blessed, saying, Many daughters have done excellently, but thou excelleth them all.

Here may mercy and truth meet together, righteousness and peace kiss each other.

So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Here shall we stand in the ways and ask where is the good way, that we may walk therein.

Behind Thy wisdom and Thy Counsel heth Thy Love.

Though we have the gift of prophecy and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and though we have all faith so that we could remove mountains, and have not Love, we are nothing.

Wilt Thou here light a candle of understanding in our hearts that shall not be put out.

Teach us that we can not truly pray Thy prayer without a pledge that we will fulfill the human part of bringing to pass Thy Will, and Thy Kingdom here on Earth.

Our Father, who are in Heaven, etc.



## PROGRAM

Sessions at Blake Hall.

Registration—9 A. M. Convene—9:30 A. M.  
 Music—"America the Beautiful" -----Assembly  
 Invocation—Club Litany.  
 Greetings-----Isabel W. Cooper  
 Response-----Mrs. Isaac M. Kann  
 Business Session:  
 Reading of Minutes }  
 Report of Treasurer }-----Mrs. Allen S. Courtney  
 Reports of County Chairmen (4 minutes).  
 Reports of Chairmen of State Departments and Committees (4 minutes).  
 Music—A Group of Songs-----Mrs. Charles Herbert Young  
 "Federation Topics" -----Mrs. O. M. Pittenger,  
 President, I. F. C.

Noon Recess 12:15 to 1:45.

Luncheon served at Howe School Club House.

Organ Recital—St. John's Chapel.

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|------|---|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| I.   | { | Largo from "Xerxes" -----         | Handel             |
|      |   | (Arr. by S. B. Whitney)           |                    |
|      | { | Cantilene -----                   | R. Huntington Wood |
| II.  |   | To Spring, Op. 43, No. 6 -----    | Edvard Grieg       |
|      |   | Gesu Bambino -----                | Pietro A. Von      |
|      |   | Midsummer Caprice -----           | Johnston           |
|      | { | Serenata -----                    | James H. Rogers    |
| III. |   | Orientale -----                   | James H. Rogers    |
|      |   | Religioso -----                   | James H. Rogers    |
|      |   | Serenade -----                    | Gounod             |
| IV.  | { | Berceuse in A -----               | Delbruck           |
|      |   | Echoes of Spring -----            | Friml              |
|      |   | A Shepherd's Evening Prayer ----- | Gordon Balch Nevin |
| V.   |   | Song of Sorrow -----              | Gordon Balch Nevin |
|      |   | Will O' the Wisp -----            | Gordon Balch Nevin |
|      |   | Sonata in C Minor, Op. 10 -----   | Ralph L. Baldwin   |
| VI.  | { | Adagio.                           |                    |
|      |   | Recitativo.                       |                    |
|      |   | Finale.                           |                    |

William Hagan, Organist-Choirmaster,  
 St. James Chapel, Howe School,  
 Howe, Indiana.

Conference of District Officers (Old and New).

## AFTERNOON SESSION—1:45.

Music—

Company A March -----	} Lima High School Orchestra Director—Otto Kraushaar
Serenade ----- King	
Berceuse ----- Merkler	

## NATIONAL HEALTH DAY

Child Welfare -----Mrs. Carina C. Warrington,  
 State Probation Officer

## May Day Pledge.

We pledge to every girl and boy,  
 A meed of Health and Strength and Joy,  
 Our hearts and heads and hands we give,  
 To Help all children fully live.  
 We'll start right on the first of May,  
 And make each day a CHILD HEALTH DAY.

Address—The Challenge to War-----Mr. Oswald Ryan,  
 Anderson

Vocal Solo—May Time (Speaks) -----Mrs. Walter G. Pitkin  
 "Our Rural Schools" -----Miss Hilda Hughes,  
 Supt. of Schools, LaGrange Co.

Report of Resolutions Committee.

Adjournment.

Resolutions Committee—Mrs. John E. Moring, Fort Wayne;  
 Mrs. George E. Beugnot, Auburn; Mrs. Clyde Walb, La-  
 Grange.

## Chairmen of Social Committees

General-----	Miss Isabel W. Cooper
Reception-----	Mrs. Charles H. Young
Registration-----	Mrs. M. H. W. Hardiman
Entertainment-----	Miss Marion H. Cooper
Luncheon-----	Mrs. Frank C. Wade
Decorations-----	Mrs. N. A. Parlan



*Song used by school at C. C. C.'s*

# INDIANA SLOGAN

The winds of Heaven never fanned,  
The circling sunlight never spanned  
The borders of a better land  
Than our Indiana.  
Indiana, Indiana, Indiana.

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To the District Federation  
DeKalb County's delegation  
Says Hello: Howdy - do:  
Good - morning: How are you?

Though quite filled with consternation  
By this dignified aggregation  
We say Hello: Howdy - do:  
Good - morning: How are you?

And we, with your approbation  
To the rest of all creation  
Say Hello: Howdy - do:  
Good - morning: How are you?

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The lady we present to you  
Is our able Mrs Hazel Hall,  
We recommend her most highly  
Although she's not so tall.  
"Little but mighty" is our lady here.  
She'll do her job well - Of that have no fear.

Now girls - have we agreed on that?  
Well - we hope to tell the big flat -  
Say it to the big flat -  
Tell it to the big flat world:

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*at Home convention*

*May 1, 1925*

*imposed  
- by  
Mrs. Ruth Fribley*

Lunch was served at Howe school, city house, followed by the singing of hymns in St. John's chapel, with William Hagan, organist and chorister at the organ.

The afternoon session included musical numbers by the Lima high school orchestra, Otto Krausman, director; Mrs. Walter G. Pitkin and Mrs. Charles Herbert Young. Mrs. Carrina C. Warrington talked on "Child Welfare," bringing into her splendid talk a great deal of information concerning the work done by the probation officers. Mrs. Warrington is state probation officer. Oswald Ryan of Anderson, Ind., who was heard in this city recently at a meeting of the Auburn Commercial club, gave a stirring address on "The Challenge to War," and Miss Hilda Hughes, superintendent of schools, LaGrange county, talked on "Our Rural Schools."

The committee on resolutions was composed of Mrs. G. E. Beugnot of Auburn, Mrs. John E. Moring of Fort Wayne and Mrs. Clyde Walb of LaGrange. Mrs. George Schmadel was chosen as county chairman for DeKalb county.

*Attached from minutes*  
Mrs. Clarence Green, Del.  
Mrs. Ruth Fribley, Del.  
Mrs. Beugnot  
Mrs. Atkinson  
Mrs. Hall  
Mrs. Morgan  
Mrs. Myrtle Wier  
Mrs. Price  
Mrs. Dennison  
Miss Bess Kinsey  
Mrs. Nettie Timbrook



## LADIES LITERARY CLUB SELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Mrs. D. M. Hines Elected President  
for the Coming Year

Miss Edna A. Davis was hostess to the members of the Ladies Literary club for their last meeting of the club year, Saturday afternoon at her home on North Jackson street. Election of officers for the ensuing year and a picnic supper was the order of the program. A surprise program was also carried out which consisted of a piano duet by Mrs. Ruth Fribley and Miss Edna Davis; a vocal solo by Mrs. Grace Thomas and a humorous reading by Mrs. Margaret Morgan.

The spacious rooms were decorated with a profusion of spring flowers which, with the heat and warmth of a summer day, conformed with the plan of a picnic celebration. A two course dinner was served which consisted of creamed veal with mushrooms served with toasted bread boxes, green string beans, potato chips, warm rolls, cherry preserves, strawberry ice cream, date sticks and coffee. Large pansies were given as favors.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Myrtle Hines; vice president, Mrs. Mary Atkinson; secretary, Mrs. Margaret Morgan; treasurer, Mrs. Sadie Krise; critic, Mrs. Nola B. Green and parliamentarian, Mrs. Marian Weathers.

The committee for the afternoon was composed of Mrs. Leone Hicks, Mrs. Mary Hoagland, Mrs. Martha Whitten and Miss Edna Davis.

Out of town club members attending were Mrs. Mollie Rose of Fort Wayne, and Mrs. Helen Green of Garrett. Thirty-five members were present, including besides the active members, several associate and honorary members.

Mar 26 1925

A called meeting of the Ladies Literary club was held Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Clarence Green on North Van Buren street. The resignations of Mrs. Myrtle Hines as delegate and Mrs. Margaret Morgan as alternate to the biennial council of the General Federation of Women's clubs to be held at West Baden, Indiana, June 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 were accepted. Mrs. Pauline Beugnot was elected delegate, and Mrs. Earl Fribley alternate.

## MAKE \$70 FOR THE HEALTH WORK FUND

Three Auburn Clubs Sponsored  
Concert of Philharmonic Society Tuesday Night

CROWD OF 200 ATTENDS

Recital Proved Outstanding Musical  
Event of Year in This City and  
Merited Much Larger  
Audience

The recital by the Fort Wayne Philharmonic society Tuesday evening at the First M. E. church was one of the outstanding musical events of the year and merited a much larger attendance. Nearly two hundred and fifty tickets were sold and about two hundred Auburn music lovers heard the exceptional program rendered by some of Fort Wayne's leading vocalists.

The four soloists, Olga Wiesmer, Esther Jacquay, C. L. Nichols and Dave Lewis charmed the audience. Each offering was exceedingly meritorious as was evidenced by the encores to which the artists responded graciously.

Mr. Lewis, Welsh baritone brought forth great applause in his offering, "Danny Deever" and responded with "The Old Side Car." Mr. Nichols, tenor, sang at a disadvantage. He was detained because of business in Fort Wayne and did not appear until late. However, his number was so well given that he responded to a number of encores.

The work of Miss Wiesmer, soprano, and Miss Jacquay, alto, were much above that of the ordinary soloists heard in Auburn and their numbers were followed by deserved applause.

The choruses, under the direction of O. E. Richard, with Mrs. Richard as accompanist were well balanced and some wonderful harmony was heard by those who had the privilege of attending the recital.

The entertainment was given by the society without any compensation whatever. The singers offered their services to assist in the campaign which is being conducted in DeKalb county to raise a fund with which to carry on the county health work. Their offer was a gracious concession and much appreciated. Through their coming the fund is \$70 richer, that being approximately the net profit from the recital. The Auburn chapter of the Tri Kappa sorority, the L. L. C. and the Practical Sewing club sponsored the entertainment.

## MRS. MARIA WILLIS, AGE 86 YEARS, DIES

Auburn Woman Passes Away  
at Home of Her Daughter,  
Mrs. C. M. TenEyck

LIVED HERE 40 YEARS

Illness, Which Caused Her Death,  
was First in Her Lifetime—  
End Came Peacefully at  
5:15 Friday Morning

Mrs. Maria Willis, one of the oldest women of DeKalb county and a resident of this city for nearly forty years, died Friday morning at 5:15 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. M. Ten Eyck of West Second street, at the age of nearly 86 years.

During her remarkable life, the short illness, the result of complications due to her age, was her first sickness. She was exceptionally well preserved and her mental faculties were alert until the end. During the night she conversed with members of her family and at 3 o'clock partook of some refreshments and then slept away.

Only once before in her life was Mrs. Willis bedfast and that was the result of an accident a year ago last May when her ankle turned as she was about to cross North Main street and she fell fracturing her left leg. She was nine weeks in a hospital and last September was able to again walk.

Mrs. Willis was born in New York state November 20, 1839, and her age at the time of her death was 85 years, 9 months and 1 day. She came with her parents, Nelson and Delilah Chadwick, in an early day to this part of the country, traveling by canal and wagon and landed at Linden, Mich. She taught school both in Linden and Brooklyn, Mich., and 67 years ago was united in marriage to William E. Holmes at Linden. He died March 30, 1904.

Two daughters were born to this union, Mrs. Ten Eyck of this city and Mrs. R. B. Leonard of Tacoma, Wash., both of whom survive. Besides the daughters, she is survived by a sister, Mrs. Agnes Stout of Coldwater, Mich.

During her residence at Linden, Mrs. Willis became the first president of the Ladies' Guild of the Episcopal church in that place. After her removal to Auburn she became an active member of the L. L. C. and at the time of her death was the oldest honorary member of the club. For more than a decade she was a member of the First M. E. church of Auburn.



# In Memoriam.

Mrs. Mary C. Hartman - Died -	Dec. 18, 1885
Mrs. Elizabeth Willis - - - - -	June 28, 1900
Mrs. Sarah L. Ford - - - - -	Dec. 7, 1902
Mrs. Mary E. Boyer - - - - -	Feb. 19, 1902
Mrs. Alzein Ralston Scott - - -	April 1, 1903.
Mrs. Frances Davenport - - - -	Feb. 13, 1902
Mrs. Ida W. Hartman - - - - -	Jan. 12, 1912
Mrs. Rose E. Husselman - - - -	June 25, 1913
Mrs. Jane Hine - - - - -	Feb. 11, 1916
Miss Lillie McTigue - - - - -	Feb. 9, 1918
Mrs. Susan Swinford, - - - - -	Nov. 24, 1921
Mrs. Hadesa Ralston (Gardner) -	Feb. 15, 1921
Mrs. Eliza Schuch - - - - -	Dec. 8, 1921
Dr. Vesta M. W. Smarts - - - -	Aug. 2, 1923
Mrs. Virginia Linnick - - - - -	Nov. 23, 1923
Mrs. Mary S. Rice - - - - -	March 10, 1925.
Mrs. Wable Hodge - - - - -	March 30, 1925
Mrs. Maria Willis - - - - -	Aug. 21, 1925
Mrs. Alicia Barnes. - - - - -	March 6, 1926.



Excerpts from Ladies Literary Scrapbook  
1883 through 1926

1883

✓ The ladies of the Taine Club went to Waterloo Saturday and held their regular meeting at the residence of A. S. Leas at that place. The hard storm compelled them to go in covered conveyances...in closed hacks from Casebeer & Matheny's livery barn and arrived there at 3 p.m. About two hours were taken up with the regular literary work of the Society, after which they were entertained in a right royal manner with a magnificent supper. After supper they indulged in pleasant pastimes until about 10 o'clock, when they embarked for home, all feeling that they had been well paid for the trip.

1884

The second anniversary meeting of the ladies' literary society known as the Taine Club was held in the spacious rooms of J. L. Davis residence. The success of their first annual reunion last year, at Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McIntyre's, had been such that all felt a rare treat awaited them. (Mr. Davis owned a hardware where the Auburn City Hardware is now located) Roll call was followed by the annual class song, in which all of the members joined. The song was composed a year ago by Mrs. C. P. Hodge. The play for the evening was entitled "A Slight Mistake" with such characters as Lady Prince Proudly acted by Mrs. Lottie Osgood and Penelope Perfect by Mrs. J. A. Barnes.

1885

The third annual reception was held at the Swineford House (located where the Auburn Hotel is now). By 8 o'clock the room was full, for so perfect had been the preparations, that the very seats tallied with the attendance, none being left vacant. Each member quoted from memory a gem of thought from an American Author. The President's address of welcome was followed by essays, musical selections, a play, then the banquet, complete with toasts and responses.

1886

Over 100 were present at the residence of A. J. Relston for the fourth annual reunion of L. L. C. Floral decorations were early blooming wildwood flowers--snow-white trilliums tastefully arranged in branching vases so as to look like white lilies.

✓ 1888

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Members had heretofore invited a limited number of their intimate friends and relatives even sometimes going to the extent of calling in husband's brother and sweethearts. But this year they decided to change the order of things and invited the ladies' club at Kendallville, the "Class in English Literature". There ladies, about twenty of them, came on the train via Waterloo except Mrs. John Mitchell and Mrs. J. B. Kimball, who came across the country with their husbands....(later)... So far they had petted the two gentlemen from Kendallville. Now they pounced upon them and called for a response to a toast from each. Mr. Kimball's toast was "English Literature" and he managed to keep the floor long enough to say the only English literature he was conversant in, related to the current prices of groceries. Had they allowed him to go on in that direction, he could have finished the day, but they choked him off and called on Mr. Mitchell. The latter gentleman, now "all of a tremble", was told to talk of "American Success". He urged the point that he had never made a speech in his life, and he knew he couldn't now. But he stood up manfully, and we are happy to be able to lay the entire



speech before our readers. It was: "Ladies, I hope if the Auburn ladies ever come to Kendallville, and I fail to entertain them well, then I hope someone will take me out and kick me". (Tremendous applause, and cries "Go on, go on!" in the midst of which he sat down, mopping his pallid brow.) Soon, carriages came and took both clubs about our beautiful city, visiting gas well Number 2, and finally reaching the train just in time to go north.

1889

At the 7th Annual Reception, responses to the toast "The Press" were given by E. A. Nye of the Dispatch and J. A. Barnes of the Courier. Three paragraphs from a poem by J. A. Barnes in response are as follows:

If Mrs. Ensley wakes at five  
And raises (old) Nick at seven,  
If Mrs. Leas is fond of ease  
And Lottie sleeps til eleven,  
If Mrs. Emmanuel henpecks Charles,  
So he can't get to heaven--

If Dr. Swarts e'er fails to cure,  
If Mrs. Ehlers capers,  
If Mrs. Schaab dislikes a snob,  
If Miss McTighe has vapors,  
Straightway Sir Gossip yells with might,  
"Let's put 'em in the papers!"

Parties may rise, and parties fall,  
And governments dissever,  
The price of stocks go down like rocks,  
In spite of brokers clever.  
But news will come, and news must go;  
So, the Press goes on forever.

✓1890

The annual corsages of wild violets for each member was given by Mrs. Hodge from her farm outside of town. The literary work done by the members is of the highest order. We do not believe they have their superiors in the state. Their lunches are the topnotch, so to speak, of the culinary art, models of refined taste and good judgment. This anniversary was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Leasure while outside was pouring rain and a blinding storm.

1891

The ninth anniversary was held in the residence of S. D. Hanna on south Jackson Street. A drama given by 8 ladies in Greek costumes. Favors were handsome boxes of candy and almonds with "L.L.C. Bonbons 1891 on the boxes in gilt."

✓1894

The 12th annual reception was held at the William McIntyre residence with over 100 guests present. "From very early times unto the present the science of longevity has engaged the attention of great thinkers and they have decided that in order to prolong life and at the same time to enjoy it, physical and mental exercise are absolutely necessary. As the members of this "Live and Learn" club are with but few exceptions housewives, who bake and brew, wash, scrub and scour, prepare puddings and savory stews, and sew on buttons by the hour, the physical exercise



conducive to good health is assured, and the club idea has solved the problem of how we busy housekeepers are to obtain the proper amount of mental exercise requisite to good health and happiness. At the club we find ...something higher and better to think and talk about than mere gossip. ...There seems to be a general impression among people that women's clubs discuss women's suffrage and other aggressive subjects. This is not true of L.L.C. We, that are married women recognize homemaking our highest calling and at the club we not only gain knowledge that enriches our own lives, but that which beautifies our homes and benefits our children. In fact, the members of this club have such happy homes, model husbands and spend their time so delightfully Saturday afternoons, that they have but little desire to discuss women's rights." Mrs. T. C. Ford's address.

✓ 1895

At the 13th anniversary Dr. Lida Leasure lectured on "Flotsam and Jetsam", a discussion of moral and social questions dealing with them in a most forceful manner for over an hour.

✓ 1899

For the 17th celebration, the menu reads as follows:

1. Oyster Cocktail and Cheese Sandwiches
2. Pressed Chicken, Egg Salad, Potato Chips, Bread and Butter Sandwiches, Pickles and Olives.
3. Ice Cream, Cake and Coffee
4. Sugared Oranges, Dates, Fancy Cakes and Fruit Punch.

This was served at the elegant home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Lackey on North Main Street. The spacious room were lovely with palms and flowering azaleas. Music was piano and mandolin, which added greatly to the enjoyment of the occasion. (This is 609 N. Main, where Warren Sunday now lives)

1902

The lighting of 20 yellow and green candles on a birthday cake by the president Mrs. Rosa Husselman. Three still active charter members cut the cake, Mrs. J. E. Rose, Mrs. Ralston and Mrs. Barnes, and one honorary charter member, Dr. Vesta Swarts.

1903

Tuesday evening, April 14, was the time for the regular annual meeting of the L.L.C. for which they always issue invitations to a number of friends. On this occasion the meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Eckhart, at which place they had so often met during the life time of Mrs. Eckhart's mother, the late Mrs. M. B. Willis, who had always been an active and interested member.

A play was presented when all were seated, "Shades of Shakespeare's Women" with "Ariel" sweetly represented by Miss Nellie Frank, Mrs. Dr. Graham as Portia, Mrs. Dr. Nusbaum as Cordelia, and Mrs. Mabel Hodge as Ophelia, among other characterizations. Two addresses were given during luncheon; one by Dr. Vesta Swarts and one by Dr. Lida Leasure. Music was by the Wilcox Orchestra.

1904

To the strains of music furnished by the Wilcox orchestra the large company marched into the spacious dining room of the Castle Hall, K. of P., to partake of the elegant banquet prepared and served by the Rathbone sisters.



1907 ✓

The 25th celebration featured Mrs. Laura Dainty Pelham of Hull House in Chicago, actress and social worker, who entertained. "The Ladies' Literary club is one of the most active organizations in the social and intellectual life of our city, and so old that it has its traditions and a quarter century of history. Of the original membership, only five reside in Auburn now. The membership is now limited to thirty and is full with several on the waiting list."

1908

26th. Mrs. Jane Hine of Sedan, Indiana, recited one of her original poems. She was 77 years old.

1909

A lovely yellow and green bouquet of jonquils on the program cover inviting all to partake of a four course meal at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Leasure with a male quartet featured as entertainment. Mrs. J. E. Buchanan, Mrs. Hubert Hartman and Mrs. George Shepard were the committee.

1911

The 29th anniversary was celebrated by an art exhibit at Eckhart Public Library. "Besides the extensive loan exhibit in china painting, Mrs. Leasure, Mrs. Shepard and Mrs. Cobb each have beautiful individual exhibits."

✓ 1912

"There are some people in Auburn and they are not all members of the L.L.C. either, who think that when this club has anything to say that it is the last word; when this organization offers something, it is the finished product; when it has an anniversary it is a masterpiece, gender considered. ...Like the proverbial old wine, the L.L.C. improves with age."

1919

The 37th anniversary was held at the Lutheran church where a banquet was served under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid society of the church. Following a banquet, the president, Mrs. E. W. Hicks, who acted as toastmistress, introduced Dr. E. O. Hall, who responded to "The Ladies". Mrs. E. W. Atkinson paid tribute to the honorary members and Mrs. M.B. Willis "toasted" the active members. For the playlet which followed, members and guests were invited to the Eckhart public library.

1924

The forty-second anniversary of the Ladies Literary club of Auburn was pleasantly observed Tuesday evening when members and guests to the number of ninety, enjoyed a four course dinner and entertainment at the Auburn Country Club. The mantle in the living room was banked with jonquils and greenery, further carrying out the color scheme of yellow and green. Mrs. Hazel Hall, president of the club, greeted the members and guests. Mrs. Hazel Fink, Mrs. Elsie Staman, Mrs. Myrtle Hines and Mrs. Nettie Timbrook were members of the committee in charge of the party.

1925

A poem written by Callie Zimmerman to Mrs. Grace Thomas after



Mrs. Thomas left a small spatula after the 1924 picnic. Mrs. Zimmerman returned it a year later with this poem.

Mr. Dear Grace  
 This little Spat  
 Is telling me that  
 It really belongs to another  
 and I will feel better  
 To send it by letter  
 So you, your nice Spat may recover.  
 'Tis a nice little Spat,  
 I'm telling you that  
 But what I would just like to know,  
 Is why, for one year,  
 With a husband so dear,  
 With out one little Spat you could go.  
 Callie Z

1926

44th Anniversary. Members, dressed in the various styles of the passing years from the time of the Auburn organization was first started in 1882 to the present and even beyond, attended the celebration of the 44th anniversary of the club at the Auburn Country Club Tuesday night. Mrs. D. M. Hines, president, told of the purpose of the occasion and gave a brief history of the club. She said that it was organized in 1882 with thirteen members and a short time later another was added, making fourteen. The Auburn club is the third oldest in the State of Indiana. Two of the charter members are still living, Mrs. Nicholas Ensley of Indianapolis, and Mrs. Lottie Osgood Cochran of Tucson, Arizona. The organization was known as the Ladies Literary society but in 1886 was changed to the Ladies Literary Club. The organization now has twenty-nine active members. The celebration of the 44th anniversary was a great success from every point of view. The committee in charge consisted of Mrs. E. W. Hicks, chairman, Mrs. H. M. Casebeer, Mrs. H. L. McKenney, Mrs. E. W. Atkinson, and Mrs. Maynard Timbrook.



## PLANS MADE FOR DISTRICT MEETING

### Club Workers Entertained at Luncheon-Conference at Auburn Country Club

Plans for the largest convention of women's clubs in the history of the Twelfth district were discussed at a luncheon-conference Wednesday at the Auburn Country club.

Mrs. E. O. Hall of Auburn, district president of Federated clubs was the hostess. Mrs. Frank Sheehan of Gary, the state president was the guest of honor and fifteen officers, presidents and the secretaries of county units were present. Mrs. Sheehan gave the address Tuesday night at the First Presbyterian church on the occasion of the annual guest night of the Literary club of Auburn.

Preliminary plans for the next district convention which will be held at Angola on Wednesday, April 28, were talked over at the business session which convened after the 12:30 luncheon. For the occasion the club house was decorated in spring flowers which were also used on the table and yellow candles completed the decorative scheme.

The Sorosis and Alpha Delphian clubs of Angola will entertain the April convention, there being no county organization as yet in Steuben county. At that meeting the forenoon will be devoted to the business of the convention and in the afternoon one of the best speakers in Indiana will be secured to address the club members whose organization embraces DeKalb, Lagrange, Noble, Whitley, Allen and eventually Steuben county.

Besides Mrs. Sheehan, the presidents and secretary-treasurers of the county units present were: Mrs. A. F. Courtney, vice chairman of the district and Mrs. W. F. Shearer, the district secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Sam Stringer and Mrs. Fred Kaag of Ft. Wayne; Mrs. F. F. Ort and Mrs. Leo Usay of Churubusco and the latter's guest, Miss Stern of Chicago; Mrs. George Schmadel of Auburn, the DeKalb county president and Mrs. L. R. Miner of Auburn, the secretary; Mrs. E. O. Grady of Lagrange; Miss Isabel Cooper of Howe; Mrs. Clyde Carlin, president of the Alpha Delphian club and Mrs. John Estrich, president of the Sorosis club of Angola and Mrs. Nellie Thadwick, president of the Women's club of Pleasant Lake.

## 44TH ANNIVERSARY OF LITERARY CLUB

### Members and Guests Enjoy Banquet and Entertainment at Auburn Country Club

Members of the Ladies Literary club, dressed in the various styles of the passing years from the time the Auburn organization was first started in 1882 to the present and even beyond attended the celebration of the 44th anniversary of the club at the Auburn Country club Tuesday night.

Mrs. Clarence Green appeared in the stylish dress of 1882; Mrs. George Weaver, 1884; Mrs. F. J. Yesbera, 1886; Mrs. E. F. Fribley, 1888; Mrs. Charles Krise, 1892; Miss Lulu Kinsey, 1900; Mrs. R. S. Wiley, 1909; Mrs. E. W. Atkinson, 1912; Mrs. Frank Weathers, the dapper of 1926 and Miss Virginia Atkinson and Miss Anna Mae Endicott the club members of 1950.

It all happened like this: Mrs. H. L. McKenney, acting as a reporter for the Auburn Evening Star called at the home of Miss Edna Davis, to learn certain facts about the Ladies Literary club. Miss Davis in response to questions explained the purpose of the club, the motto, "Live and Learn," the club colors and other information concerning the organization, introducing during her description of the activities of the club the members representing the various years of the organization's history. The Auburn club became a member of the Indiana Federation of Clubs in 1900 and the general federation in 1901. In 1909, the club enrolled as a member of the district federation and the county federation in 1924.

The story told in the form of a playlet, written by Miss Davis, was a great success and a big feature of the entertainment and dinner in celebration of the passing of another year in the club's history.

Eighty persons were present at the Country club, each member being entitled to two guests. A three course banquet was served at 7 o'clock, members of the domestic science class of the McIntosh high school serving.

The menu consisted of fruit cocktail, toast cups filled with shredded veal and mushrooms, buttered potato balls, escalloped corn, combination salad (with oil dressing, light rolls, preserves and mixed pickles, brick ice cream with an Easter egg center of fruit and nuts and individual cakes, decorated with a jonquil and coffee.

The club colors of yellow and green were used throughout the decorations and the menu.

Willow baskets filled with jonquils and topped with a green malle bow were the center pieces for each table. Papier mache jonquil nut cups were at the plate of each guest. The place cards were also of the same flower.

John Zimmerman offered grace. Following the banquet Mrs. D. M. Hines, president, told of the purpose of the occasion and gave a brief history of the club. She said that it was organized in 1882 with thirteen members and a short time later another was added, making fourteen. The Auburn club is the third oldest in the State of Indiana. Two of the charter members are still living, Mrs. Nicholas Ensley of Indianapolis and Mrs. Lottie Osgood Cochran of Tucson, Arizona. The organization was first known as the Ladies Literary society but in 1886 the name was changed to the Ladies Literary club. The organization now has twenty-nine active members.

Mrs. Fribley pleased with a piano solo, "Greetings to Spring" and Victor Hatfield of Winona Lake, a brother-in-law of Mrs. Fribley, gave a group of rhymes on the general topic of optimism. Mr. Hatfield's original selections were splendid, "Just Smiles" and "Back to the Old Home Town," being especially good.

The celebration of the 44th anniversary was a great success from every point of view. The committee in charge consisted of Mrs. E. W. Hicks, chairman, Mrs. H. M. Casebeer, Mrs. H. L. McKenney, Mrs. E. W. Atkinson and Mrs. Maynard Timbrook.



Oct. 3, 1925.

## FIRST MEETING OF THE LADIES LITERARY CLUB

Officers will Entertain on Saturday,  
Opening of 1925-1926 Club  
Season

The Ladies Literary club, one of the oldest organizations in the city, will start its meetings Saturday of this week. Officers of the club will entertain at the home of Mrs. Myrtle Hines on North Main street.

Mrs. Hines is president of the club, Mrs. Mary Atkinson is vice-president, Mrs. Margaret Morgan is secretary, Mrs. Sadie Krise is treasurer, Mrs. Nola B. Green is critic, Mrs. Marion Weathers is parliamentarian and Miss Bess Kinsey is press correspondent.

Club meetings will be held on Saturday afternoons at 2:30 from October to June. The club motto is "Live and Learn" and the club colors, green and yellow.

The membership of the club consists of the following:

Active Members—Mrs. Mary Rose Atkinson, Mrs. Pauline Beugnot, Mrs. Grace Hines Casebeer, Miss Edna Davis, Mrs. Winifred Dennison, Mrs. Nellie D. Endicott, Mrs. Ruth Craven Fibley, Mrs. Nola Green, Mrs. Hazel Lee Hall, Mrs. Leone Hicks, Mrs. Georgia Hines, Mrs. Myrtle Hines, Mrs. Mary Hoagland, Miss Bess Kinsey, Miss Lulu Kinsey, Mrs. Sadie Krise, Mrs. Alice Lewis, Mrs. Nell McKenney, Mrs. Margaret Morgan, Mrs. Abbie Sprott, Mrs. Grace Thomas, Mrs. Nettie Timbrook, Mrs. Wilma Timbrook, Mrs. Marion Weathers, Mrs. Nellie Z. Weaver, Mrs. Martha Whitten, Mrs. Lois Wiley and Mrs. Sadie Hare Yesbera.

Associate Members—Mrs. Mino Selter, Mrs. Callie Zimmerman, Mrs. Elsie Caruth Staman, Mrs. Hazel Fluk and Mrs. Nettie McBride.

Honorary Members—Miss Nellie Buckley, Mrs. Tillie McCord, Mrs. Bertha Graham, Dr. Lida Leasure, Mrs. Alicia Barnes, 737 South Union Avenue, Los Angeles, California, Mrs. Lottie Cochran, No. 1 Paseo Redonda, Tucson, Arizona, Mrs. Grace Eckhart, Los Angeles, California, Mrs. Martha Eckhart, 114 East Perry Street, Tiffin, Ohio, Mrs. Nettie Eckhart, Los Angeles, California, Mrs. Helen Ensley, Indianapolis, Indiana, Mrs. Josephine Fosdick, Los Angeles, California, Mrs. Helen Ralston Green, Garrett, Indiana, Miss Stella Hague, Urbana, Illinois, Mrs. Nellie Hartman, Los Angeles, California, Mrs. Nellie Buchanan Klefer, Elkhart, Indiana, Miss Pauline Kingsbury, South Bend, Indiana, Mrs. Mollie Rose, Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Mrs. Priscilla Zimmerman, Cleveland, Ohio.

In Memoriam—Mrs. Mary C. Hartman, Mrs. Elizabeth Willis, Mrs. Sarah L. Ford, Mrs. Mary E. Boyer, Mrs. Alzein Ralston Scott, Mrs. Frances Davenport, Mrs. Ida W. Hartman, Mrs. Rose E. Husselman, Mrs. Jane Hine, Miss Lillie McTighe, Mrs. Susan Swineford, Mrs. Hadessa Ralston, Mrs. Eliza Schaab, Dr. Vesta M. W. Swarts, Mrs. Virginia Emanuel, Mrs. Mary F. Rose, Mrs. Mabel Hodge, Mrs. Maria Willis.

Oct. 3, 1925

## OFFICERS ENTERTAIN AT HOME OF MRS. DORSEY HINES

Interesting Program Given for Members of Ladies Literary Club

Members of the Ladies Literary club of Auburn, held its first meeting of the club year Saturday afternoon at the home of their president, Mrs. Dorsey Hines on North Main street, with officers of the club as hostesses.

Following the short business session a unique and pleasing program was given. The Misses Gertrude Watson and Opal Knott, appearing as a colored couple sang a group of negro melodies. They were accompanied by Donald Kuhlman on the banjo. Mrs. Howard Morgan gave several readings. Mrs. Edna Davis read an original poem in which she depicted club life and the evolution of dress since the organization of the club in 1882. Costumes of the times were illustrated by living models, closing with the future members of the Ladies Literary Club being represented by the children of the present members.

Following the program a two course luncheon was served. Mrs. Dorsey Hines, as president of the club, Mrs. E. W. Atkinson, vice president, Mrs. Charles Krise, treasurer, Mrs. Howard Morgan, secretary, Mrs. Frank Weathers, parliamentarian and Mrs. Clarence Green, critic, were the respective officers who acted as hostesses. More than thirty-five members and guests were present.



## MRS. ALICIA BARNES DIES IN CALIFORNIA

Librarian of Eckhart Public Library in Auburn Fourteen Years Passes Away

Mrs. Alicia Barnes, a former well known Auburn resident who left this city December 28, 1924, to reside at Los Angeles, Cal., died Saturday in that city according to a telegram which was received Sunday by Miss Edna Davis of North Jackson street.

Mrs. Barnes was recovering from a recent sickness, she had written friends in Auburn a short time ago, but was still confined to her bed. She had been troubled with Cardiac asthma which is presumed to have been the cause of her death.

Her body will not be immediately brought to Auburn; but will be temporarily interred in a mausoleum at Los Angeles until this spring, when, according to her wish, it will be brought back to this city for burial.

Mrs. Barnes, one of the best known club women of Auburn, was

library in Auburn, serving as a number of years before the creation of the Eckhart Public library. After the gift by Charles Eckhart of the library to the city, Mrs. Barnes continued as librarian for ten years, serving in all fourteen years in that capacity.

She resigned October 1st, 1921 to rest and to visit in California. After spending the winter there she returned to Auburn and made her home here. Near the end of December, 1924, Mrs. Barnes left Auburn permanently to take up her residence in California where her daughter, Mrs. Walter Hartman, formerly of Auburn, resides.

May 22, 1926.

## NEW OFFICERS ELECTED BY LADIES LITERARY CLUB

Mrs. Grace Casebeer will Serve as President During Coming Year

The Ladies Literary club, one of three Auburn clubs belonging to the state federation, closed a most pleasant and successful year's work Saturday afternoon with its annual picnic at the residence of Mrs. Bertha Graham of 403 West Seventh street. Mrs. Graham although an honorary member of the organization, graciously opened her home for the occasion.

The retiring president, Mrs. Myrtle Hines, presided. Resolutions of respect in memory of the late Mrs. Alicia Barnes were read. A letter to the club from Mrs. C. P. Dennison of Auburn, an active member, who is at present at Hollywood, Fla., was also read. A discussion of the students' loan fund in which the L. L. C. will participate with the other clubs of Auburn, members of the federation, the Culture and Entre Nous clubs, was held.

The officers elected for the coming year were: president, Mrs. Grace Casebeer; vice-president, Mrs. Sadie Krise; secretary, Mrs. Sarah Dwight; treasurer, Mrs. Marian Weathers; critic, Mrs. Mable Zeigler; parliamentarian, Mrs. Pauline Beugnot and press correspondent, Miss Edna A. Davis.

Because of the weather Saturday, instead of the customary picnic dinner, a delicious two course luncheon was served. The committee in charge of the arrangements was composed of Mrs. Nettie Timbrook, Mrs. Hazel Hall, Mrs. Ruth Fribley, Mrs. Sadie Yesbera and Miss Lulu Kinsey.

The club will start its next year's program the first Saturday in October.



Poem written and read by Miss Edna Davis at the annual "Officer's Day" of the Ladies Literary Club, Oct., 1925.

ST O P- Who are we?  
L O O K - What do we see?  
L I S T E N. We are Auburn's L. L. C.  
Who are we? What do we see?  
Stop, look listen!  
We are Auburn's L. L. C.

What is our motto?  
Live and learn.  
For wisdoms ways  
we long and yearn.

What are our colors?  
Green and yellow,  
Like autumn shades  
so soft and mellow.

Who belong to the club?  
The best in town I say  
Lawyer's and doctor's and preacher's wives  
And those who have a "knowing way"

What do we do all afternoon?  
We study our lessons and meditate;  
On problems of social science  
We have resolved to cogitate.

Have we faithful officers?  
Oh yes, from Officer's Day to the end of the year  
They are right on time  
Alert and thoughtful, kind and dear.

Do they like the work?  
To them the club is quite a lark.  
They like to telephone up often  
And make us tow the mark.

What do they make us do?  
Oh, they give us some anxious times,  
From the hunting of old costumes  
To the writing of odd rhymes.

Tell me, have we any stunts?  
The "original paper" once prevailed,  
But now most happy are the favored few  
Assigned to write a book review.

Do we have any trouble?  
Yes, Anniversary, every year;  
A lecture, a play, a banquet or what?  
Oh, what shall it be, oh dear, oh dear?

Who are the guests of this yearly event?  
"Husbands" shout the happy mates,  
Uncles, aunts or cousins" bold rejoinder,  
Then oh, such a time, counting up the plates.

Now what is the aspiration of the L.L.C?  
To have a dictionary written by the club itself,  
Then Webster, no more considered worthy,  
Will be cast upon the shelf.



Is this the only aim we have?  
Oh no, within our future need  
All the lessons will be lectures  
And we will never have to lead.

How will the lectures be given?  
Oh, we will hear them on the radio.  
Our literary work will soon be broadcast  
Then Oh, we'll never have to worry so.

How will the business be conducted in the future?  
The business sessions will be omitted as a whole  
Then in those happy coming days we'll never need  
To answer to the calling of the roll/

Do we have a good purpose?  
Mental progress is our hobby.  
But while our minds are thus engaged  
We believe in looking nobby.

Has this always been our aim?  
Ever since the club began  
There has been an energetic passion  
To emulate the Paris models  
Adopting all the latest fads of fashion.

Do fashions change as time goes on?  
We are preserving in a measure  
Evolution in our dress  
Revealing comfort, grace and pleasure.

Who started the club?  
Is it something new?  
No long, long ago  
In eighteen-eighty-two. ( Mrs. Hall)

What was our favorite study in 1884?  
We carefully studied the pattern books  
For the train must be long, the waist line right,  
And oh, the mining, the stays and the hooks.  
(Mrs. Nellie Weaver)

And was there a change in 1888?  
Whoes and collars were high and tight  
When Belva Lockwood was our star  
And we sought for equal rights.  
(Mrs. Ruth Fribley.)

How did we dress in 1892?  
We wore kid gloves upon our hands,  
Shoes and bustles wonderful,  
Ribbons and feathers that fashion demands.  
(Mrs. Sadie Krise)

Have we anything to brag about?  
Sure, we felt as bright as the morning sun  
When we joined the Federation  
In nineteen-one.  
(Miss Lulu Kinsey.)

Then how did we dress in 1910?  
In the lacy dress we took great pride,  
With the fastenings and the bow in the back,  
And a flounce made rather wide.  
(Mrs. Howard Morgan.)



How was the style of 1912?  
We were still pursuing aid top beauty;  
And though hobble skirts were hard to walk in  
We wore them as a sacred duty.

( Mrs. May Atkinson)

Was ever a dress reform debated?  
Oh yes, but all the ladies were Declaring  
That to wear a dress up to the shoe tops  
Would be considered something rather daring.

Are the styles severely changing.  
Shorter and shorter we are wearing our dresses,  
Ankles and knees should now be adorned  
And most of the members are bobbing their tresses.  
Are we really keeping up to date?  
We earnestly strive  
To follow the styles  
Of nineteen- twenty-five.

(Mrs. Marian Thrush)

Will dresses ever go out of style?  
Yes, in nineteen fifty.  
But the L. L. C. though garbed like men  
Will still look nice and nifty.

How is the membership continues?  
Birthdays are a hopeful sign you see,  
And betoken, as the years go by  
New members for the L. L. C.

(Baby Kyle, Mary Ellen and Jane Hines,  
Mary Krise and Virginia Atkinson.)



Original by  
Miss Edna Davis



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